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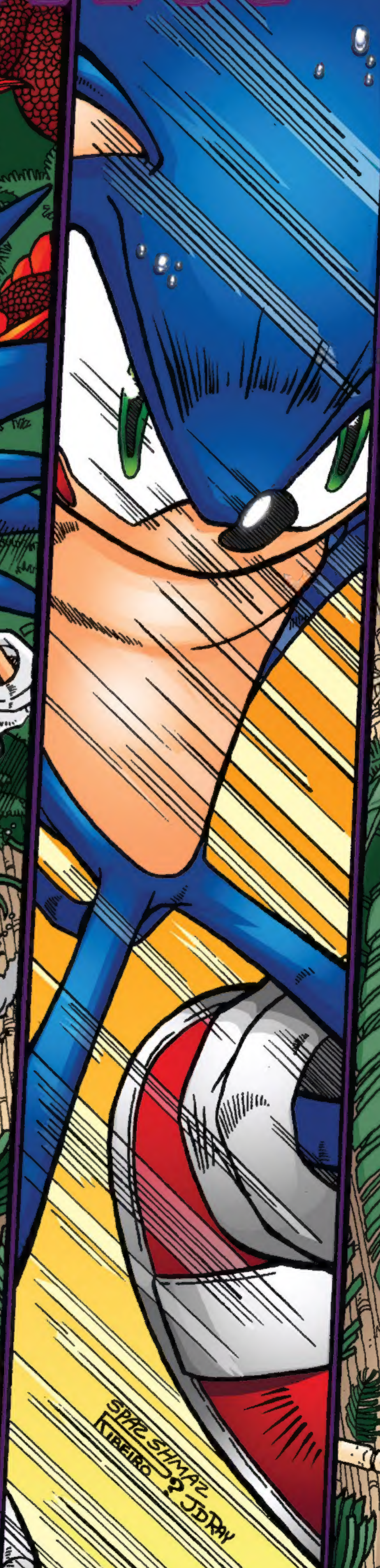
SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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**DRAGONS
LAIR**



SP2 SHMAZ
KUBERO 2 JDRAY

HIGH ABOVE MOBIUS' SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE...

THERE IT IS, FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

...THE ENTRANCE TO THE HIDDEN CITY OF STATION SQUARE!

WHO'D EVER BELIEVE AN AIRPLANE CARRYING OVERLANDERS SMACKED INTO THIS MOUNTAIN CENTURIES BACK--

--AND THE SURVIVORS DISCOVERED A LOST CONTINENT BENEATH IT?

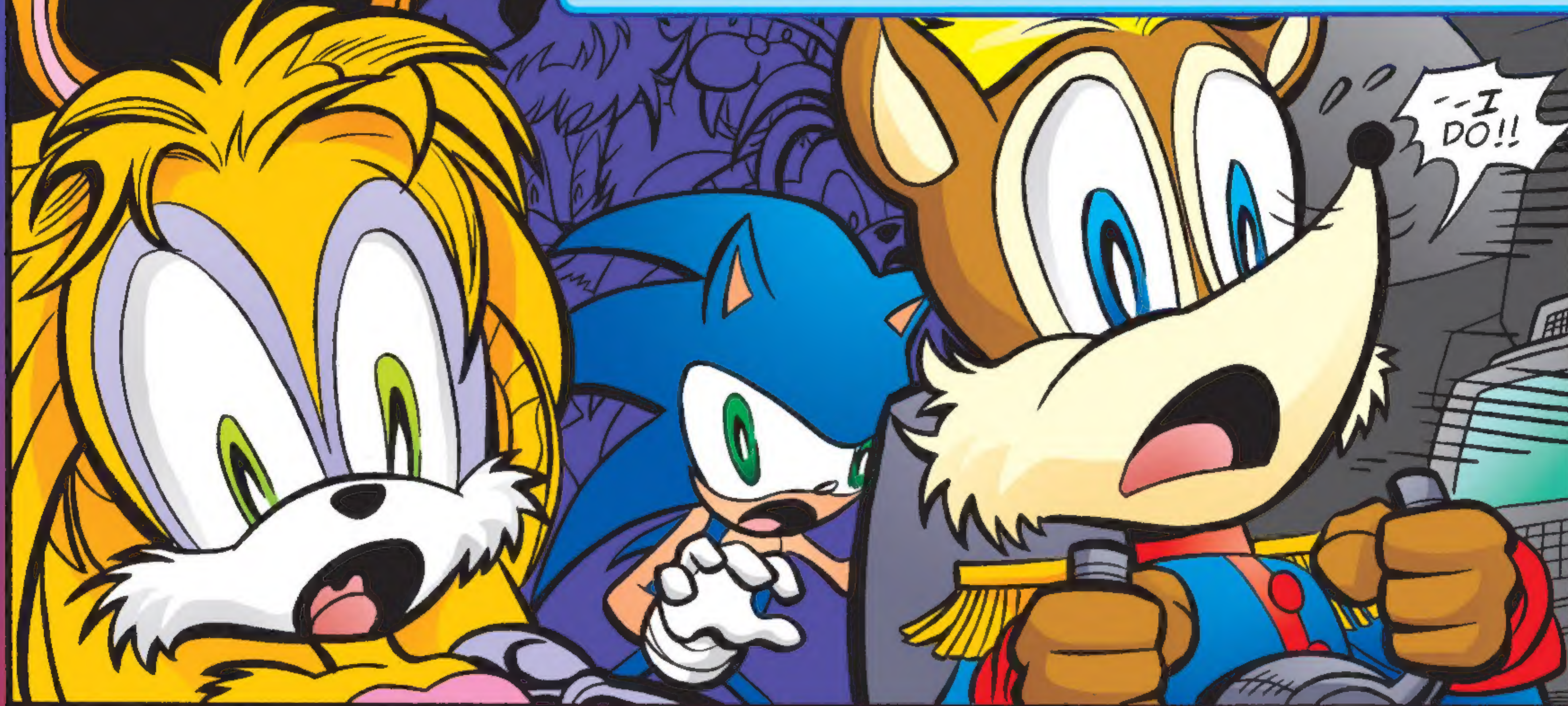
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CROUCHING HEDGEHOG

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HIDDEN DRAGON

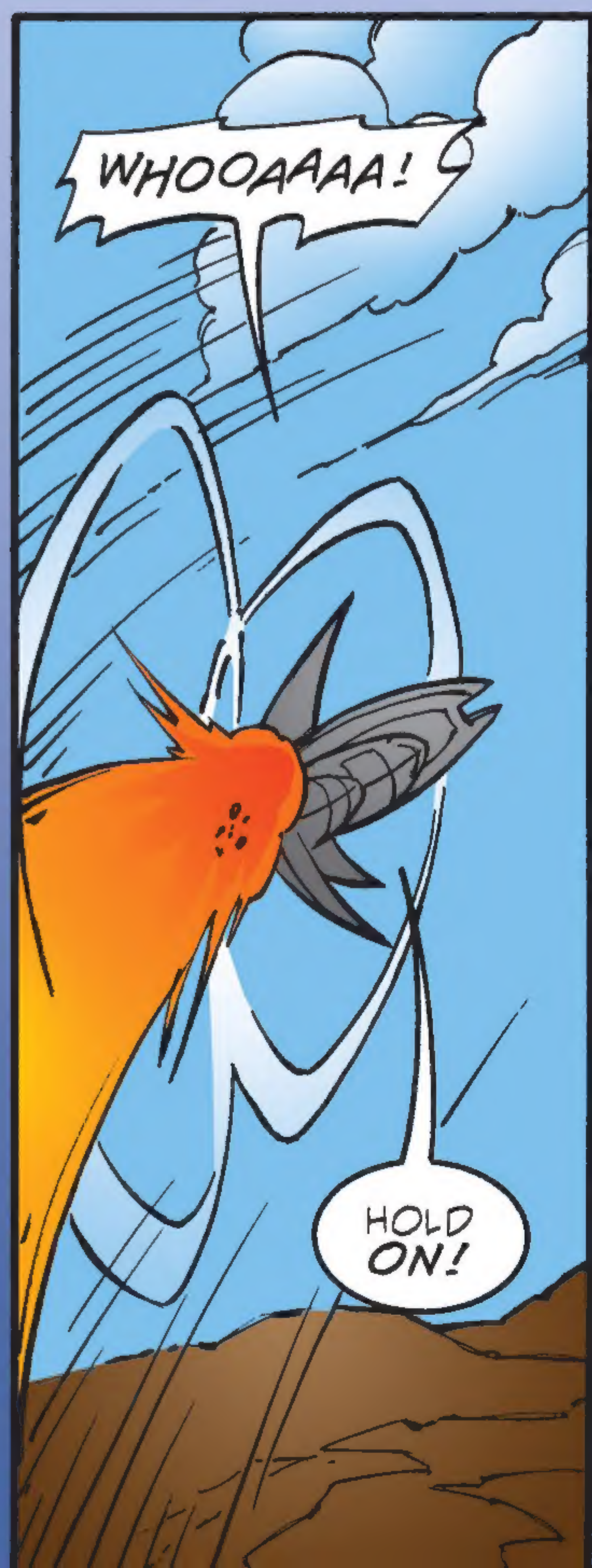
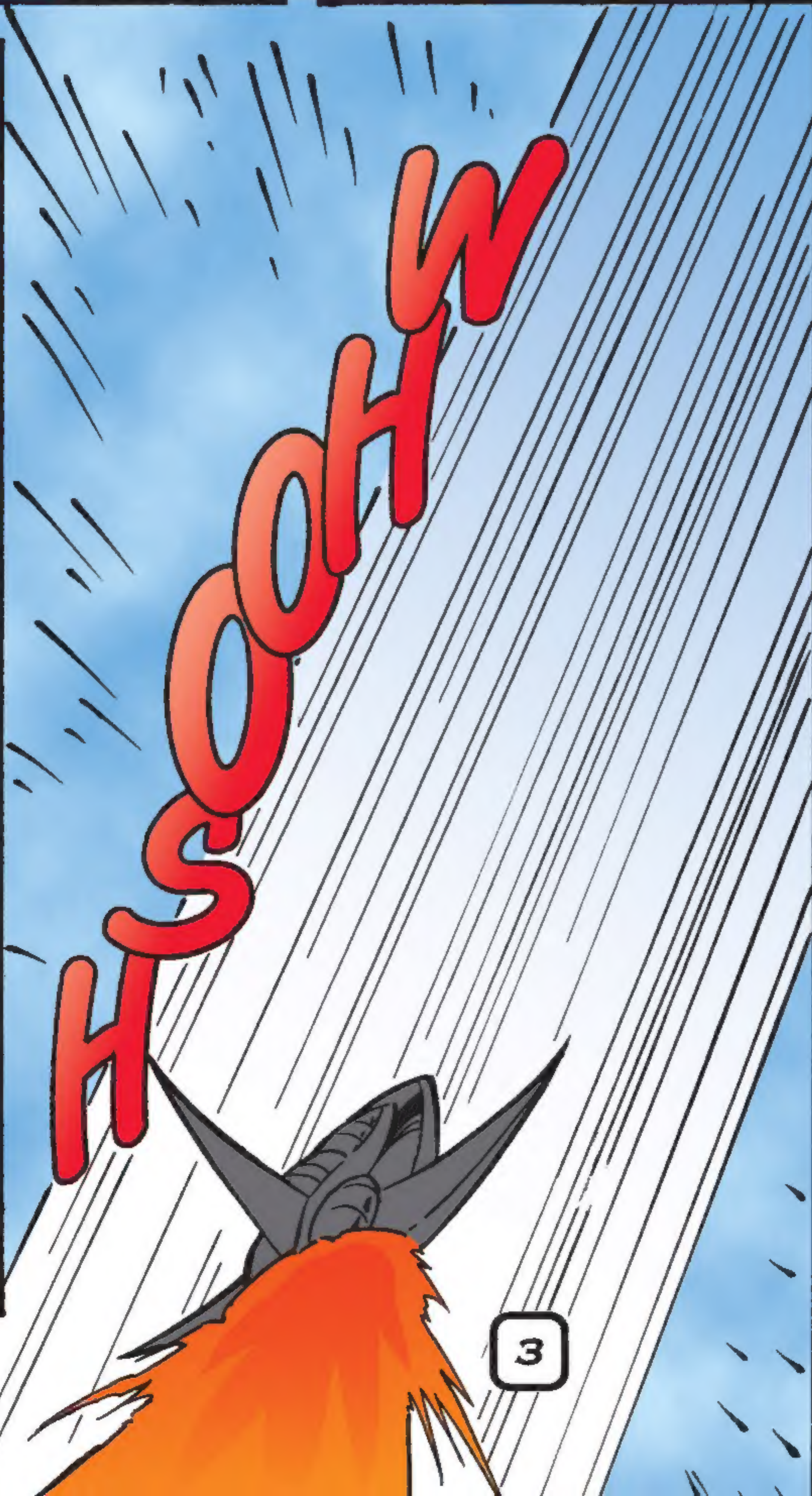
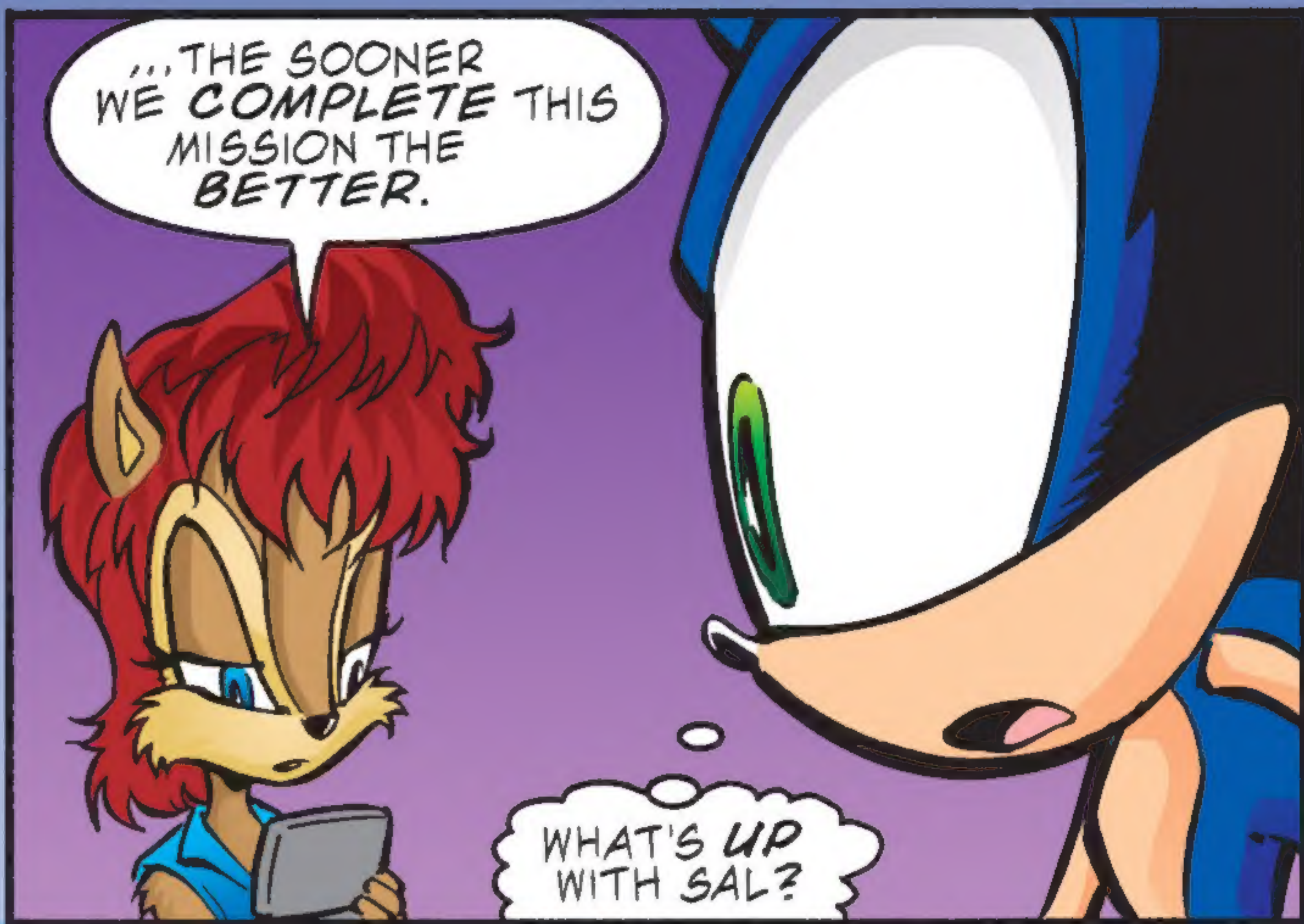
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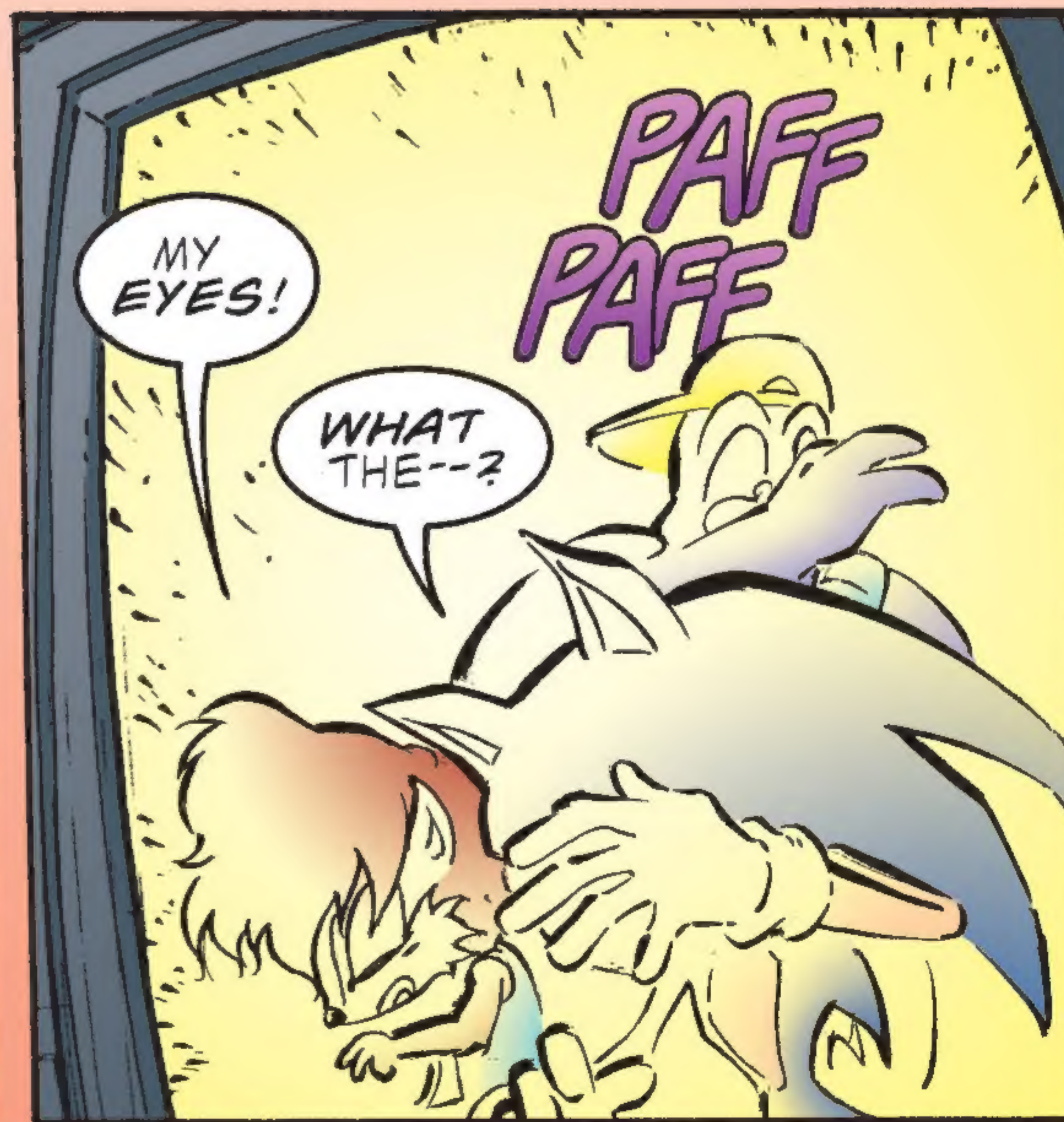
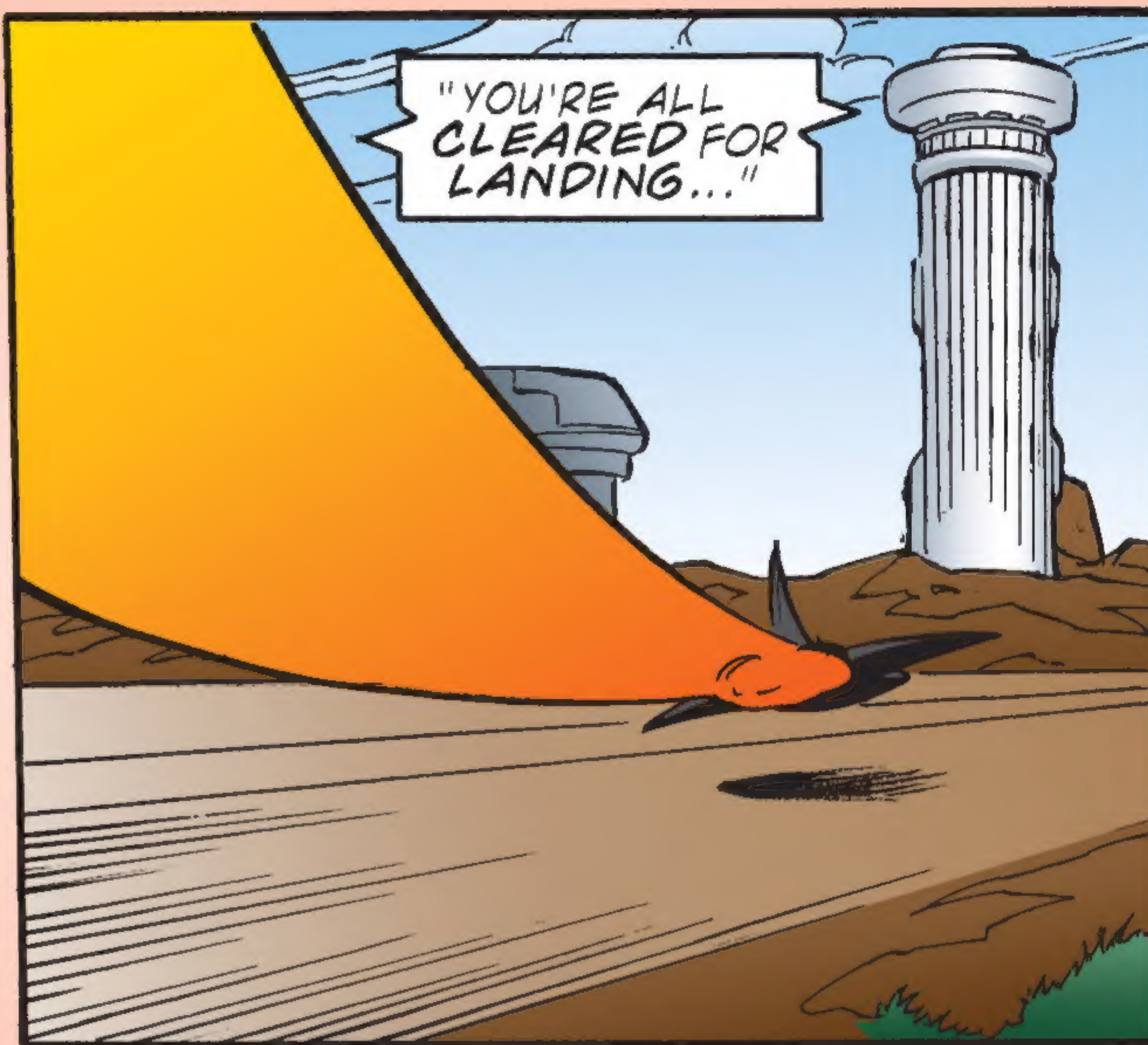
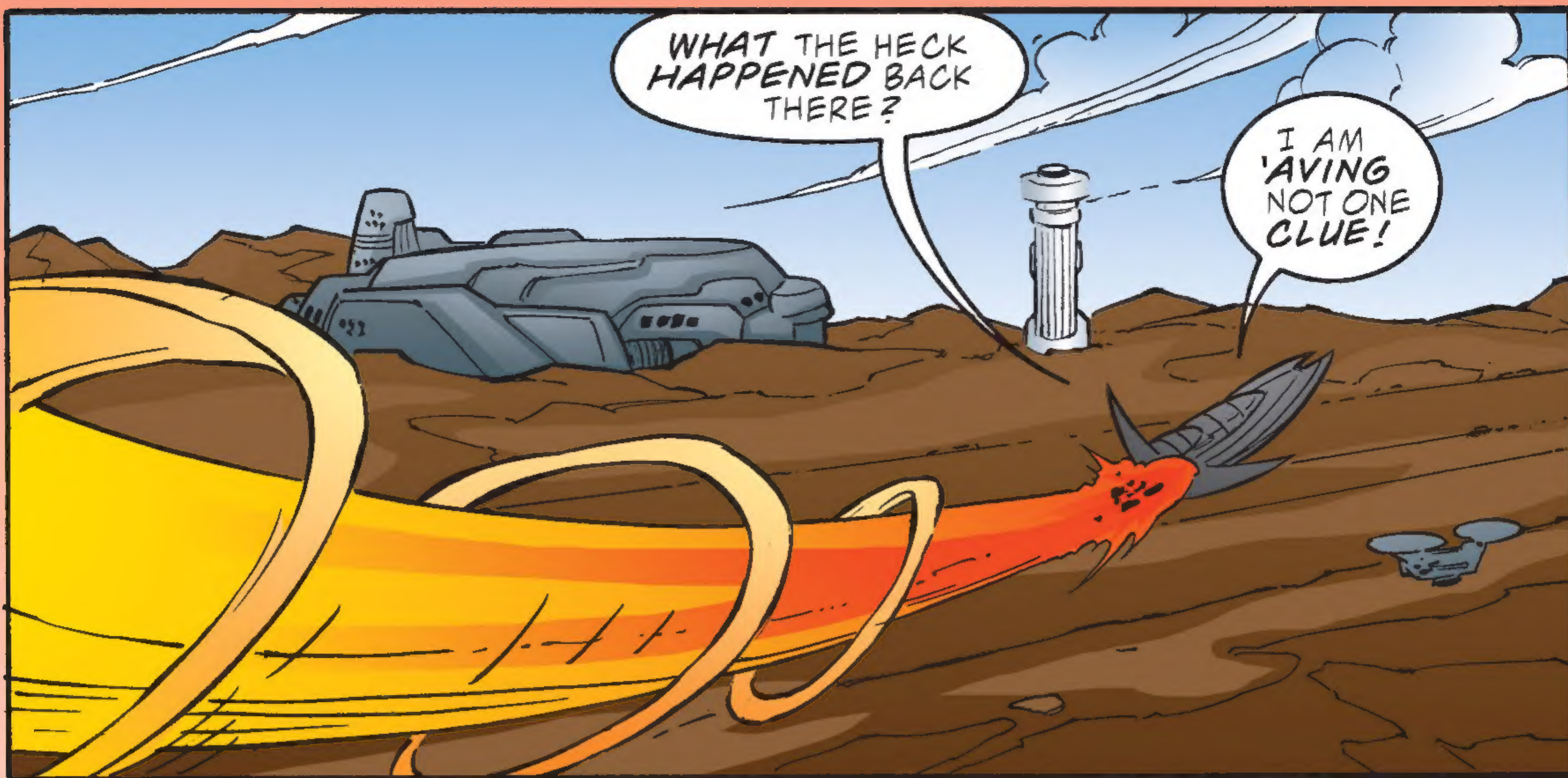


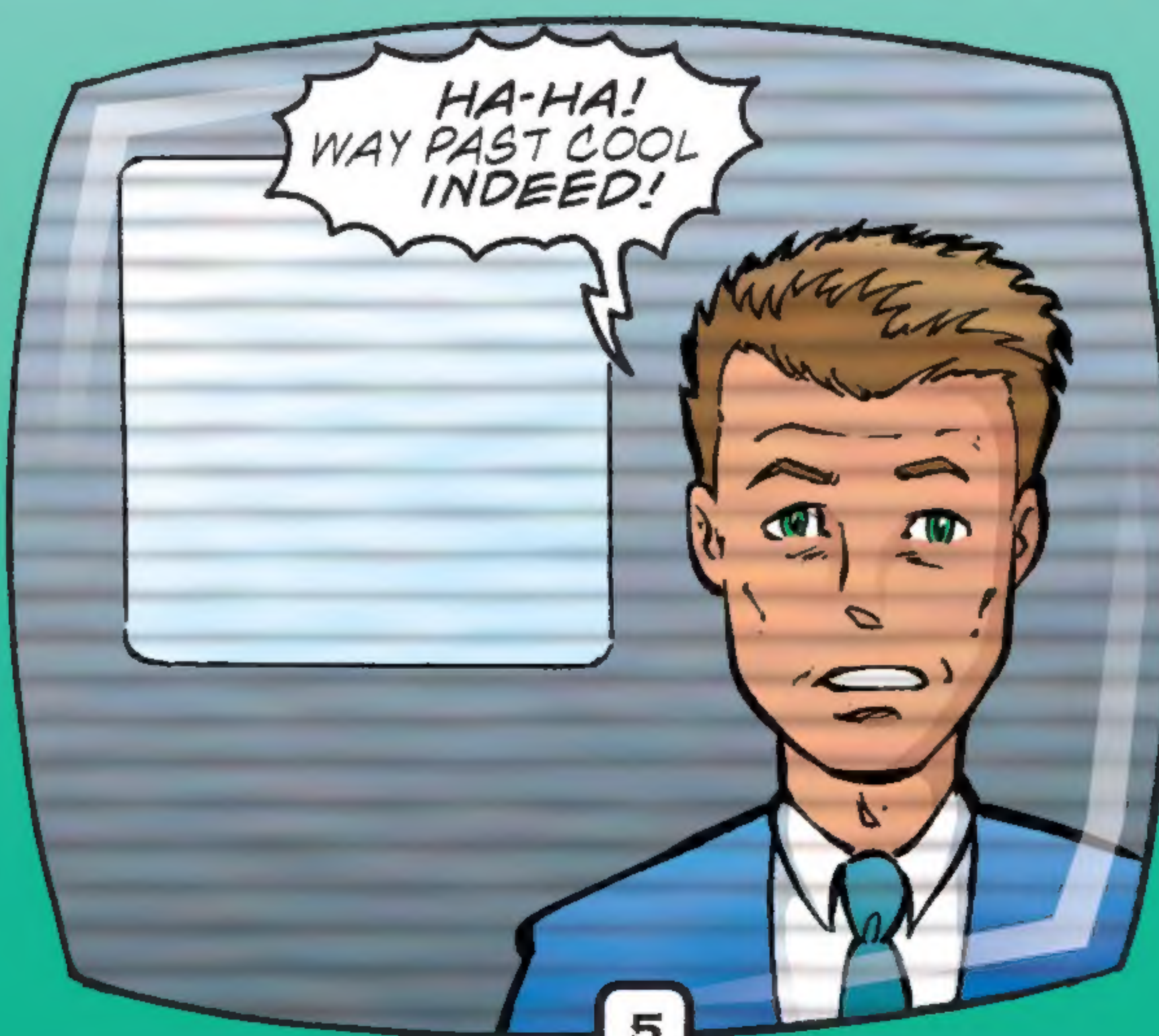
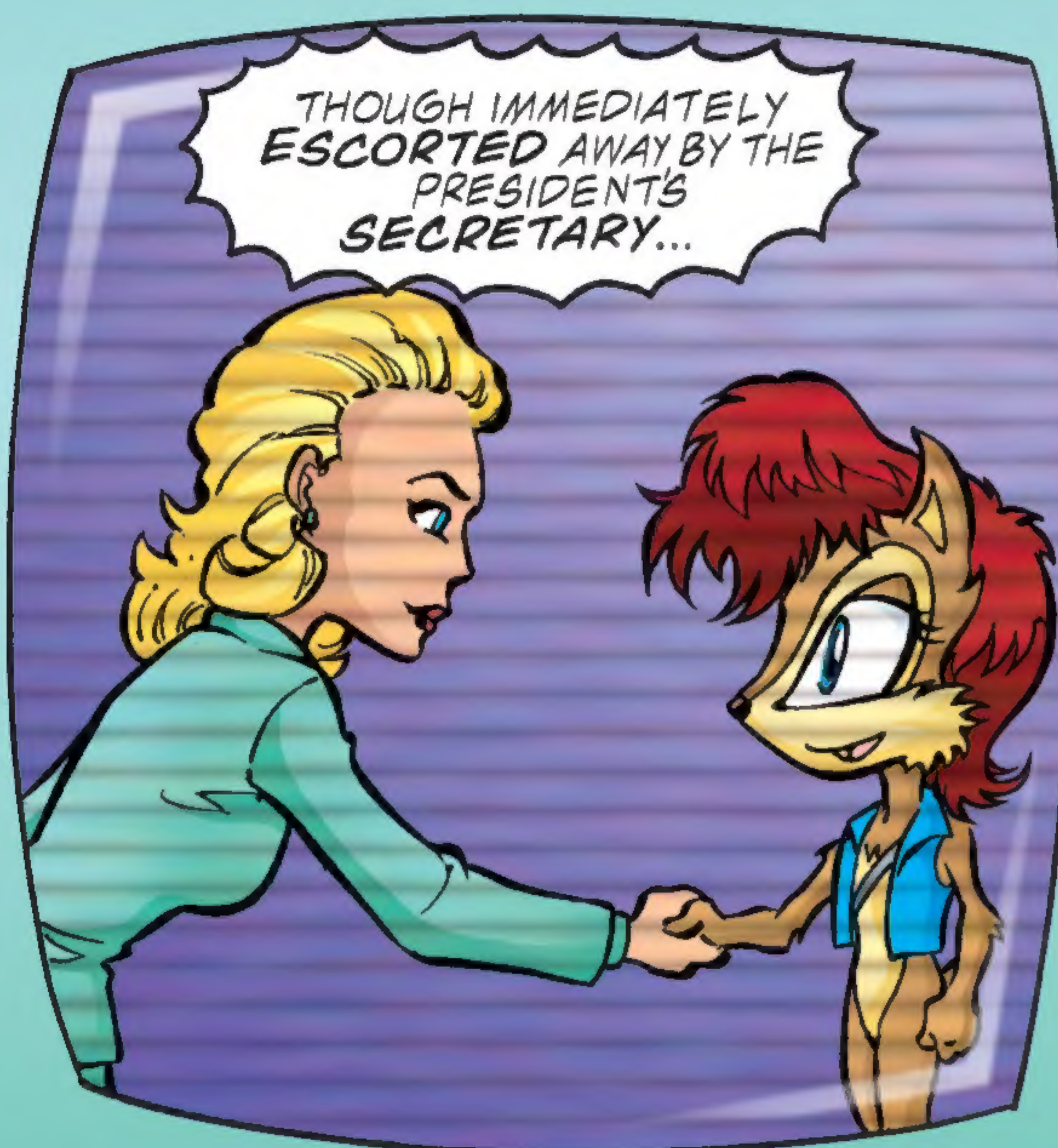
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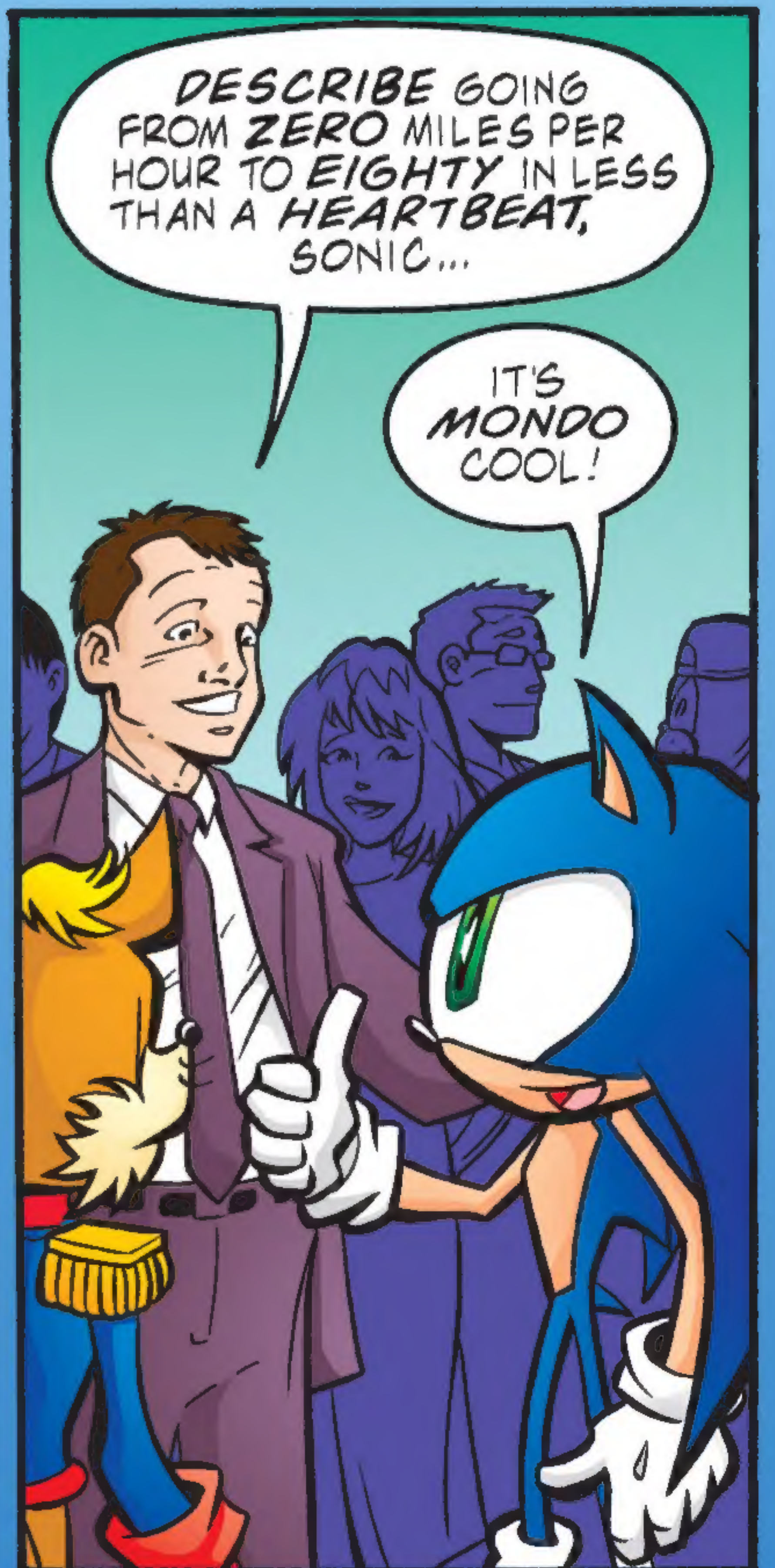
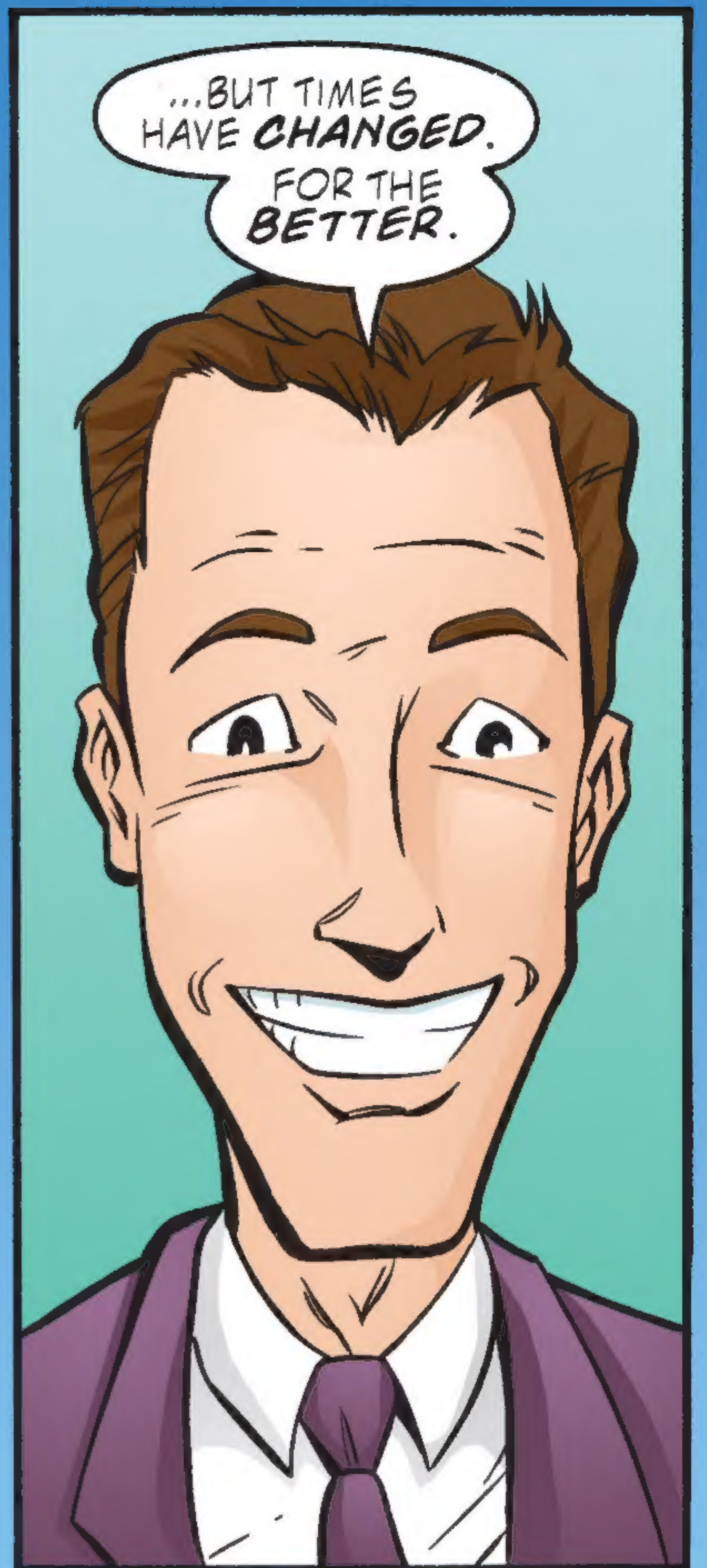


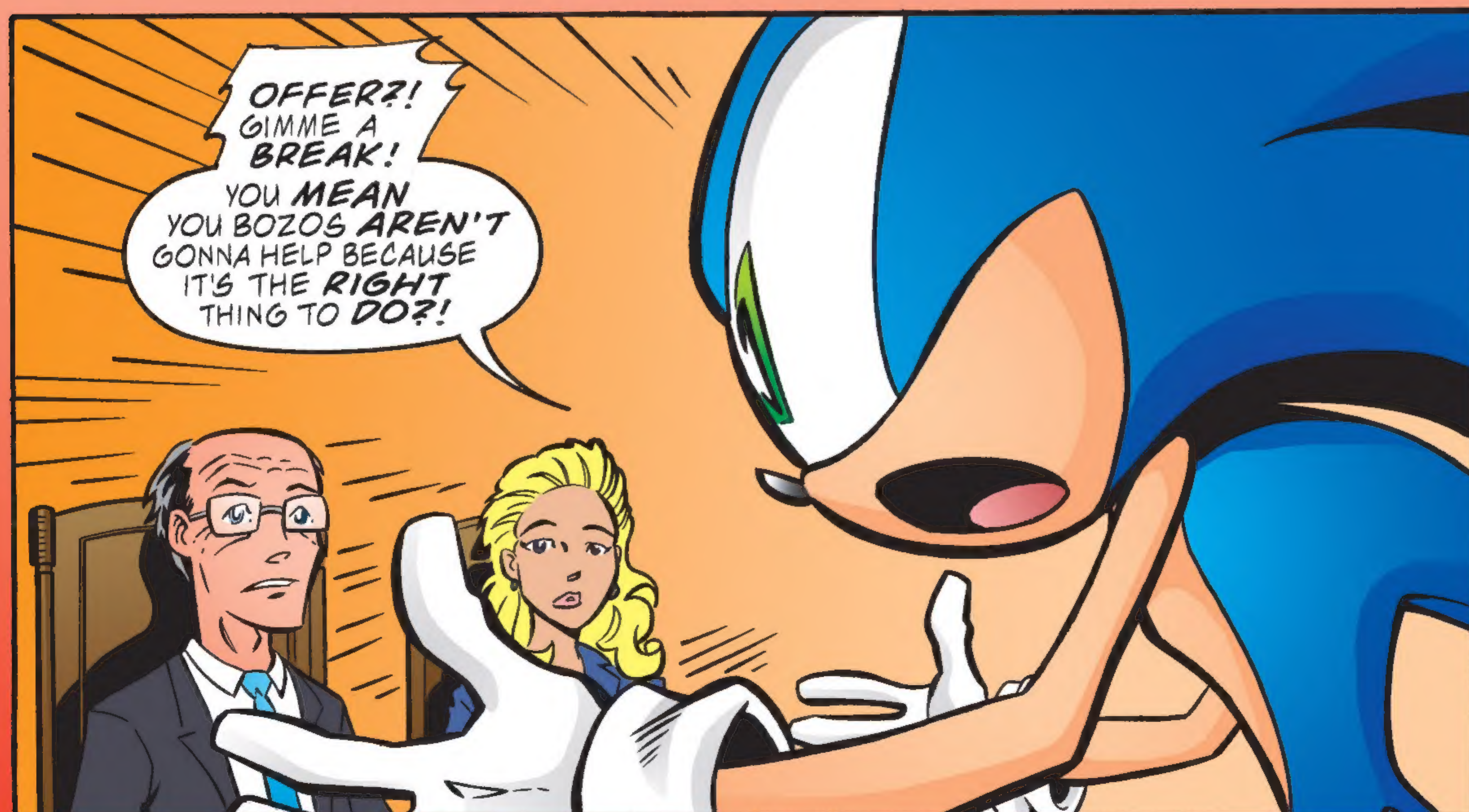
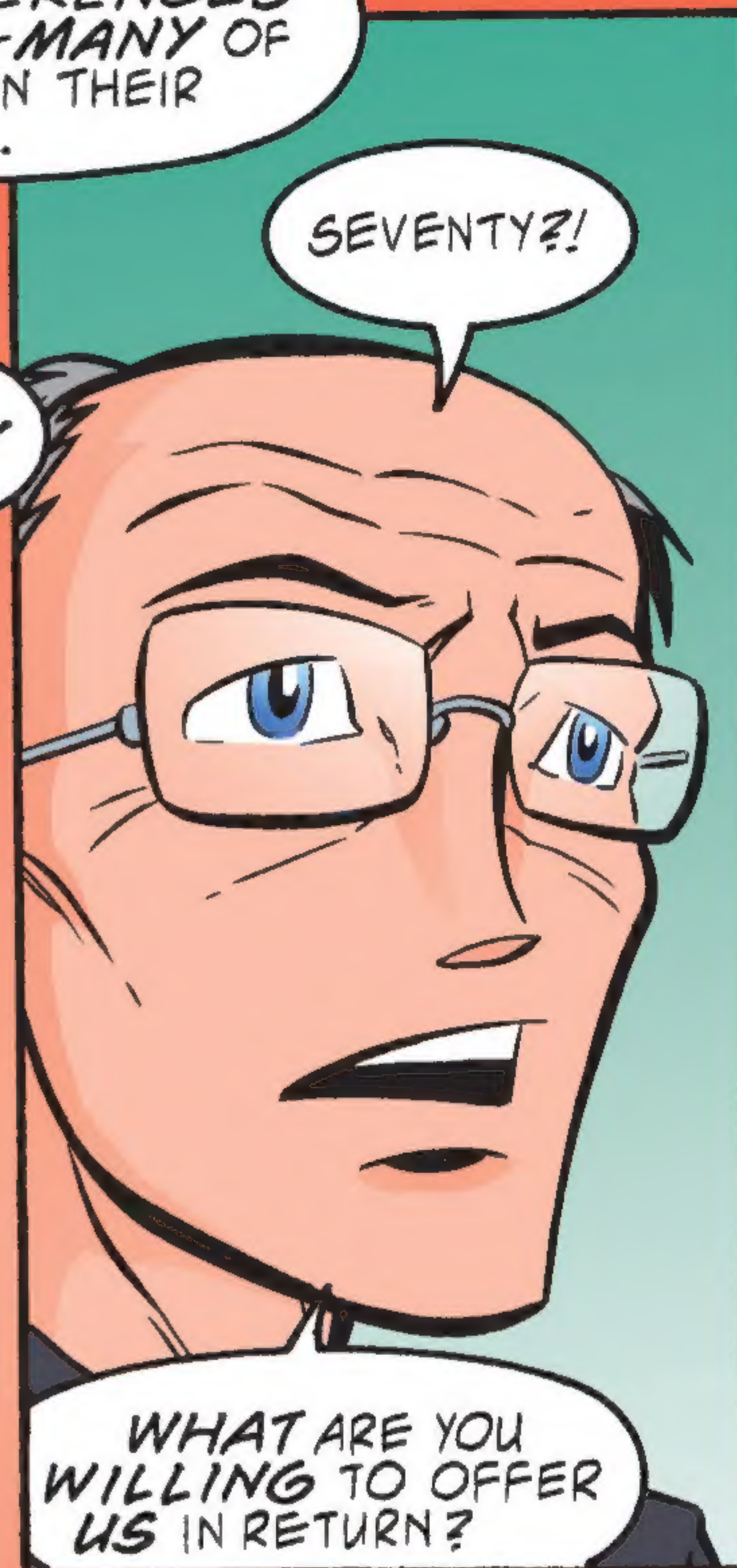
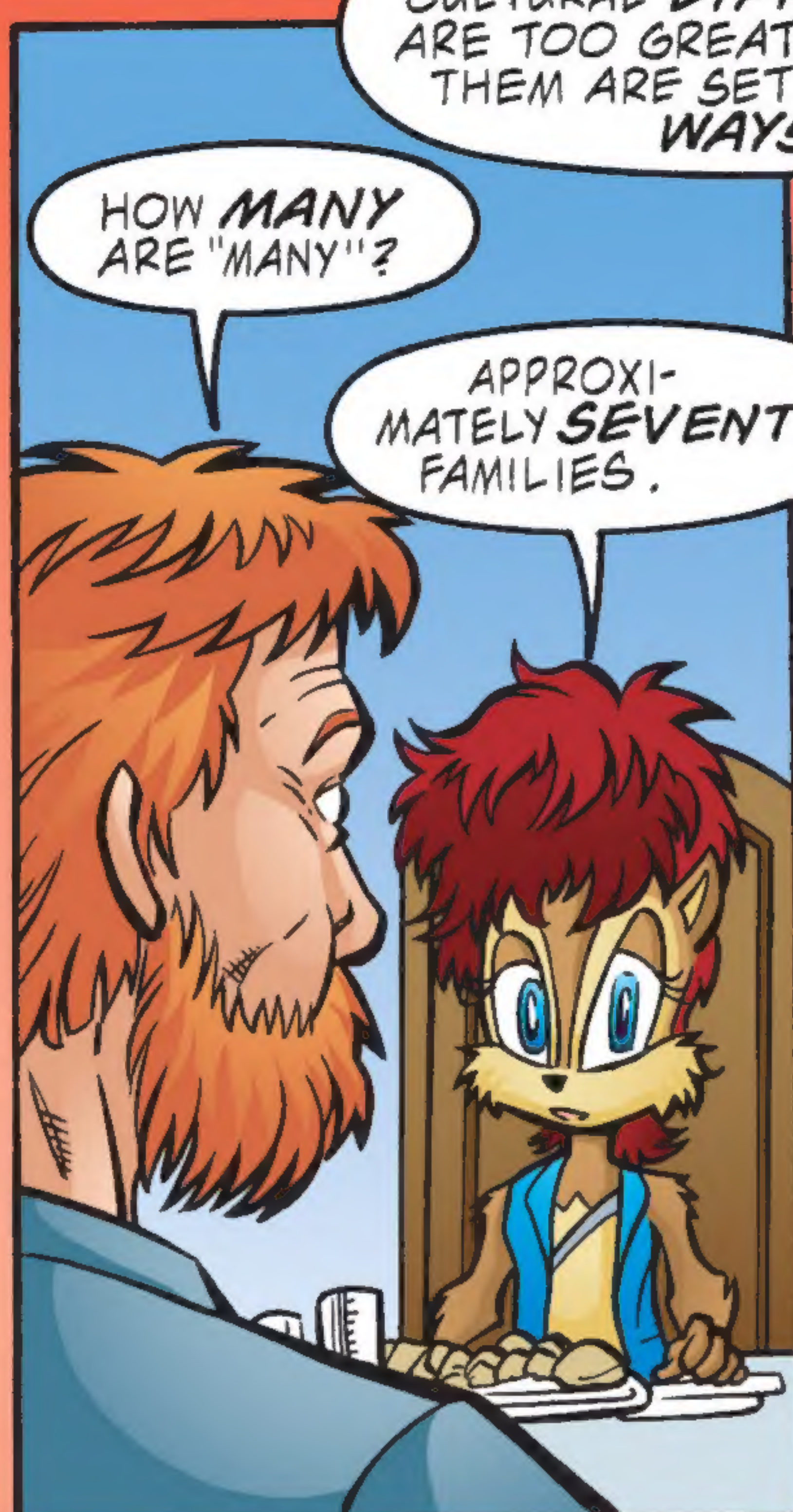
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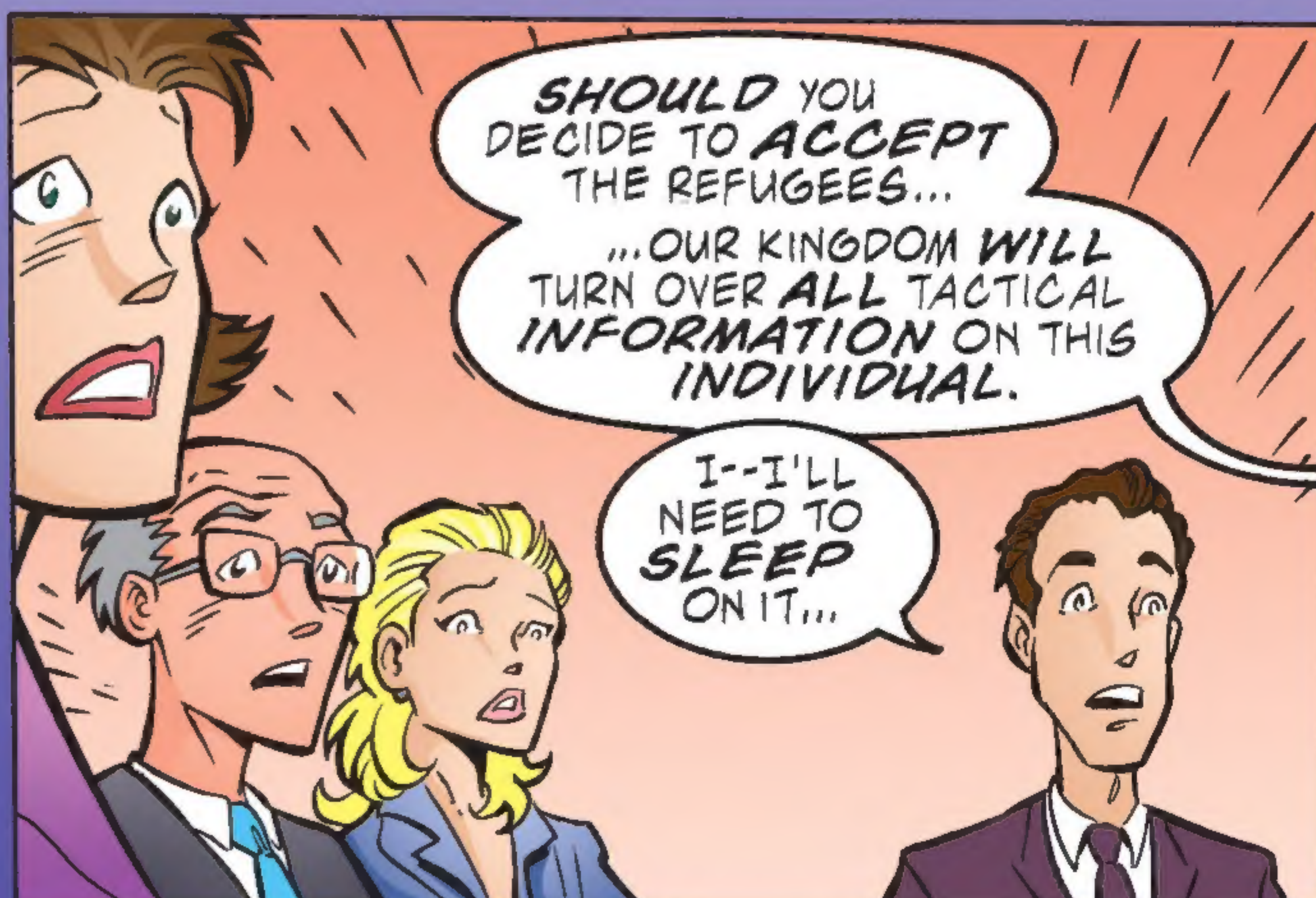
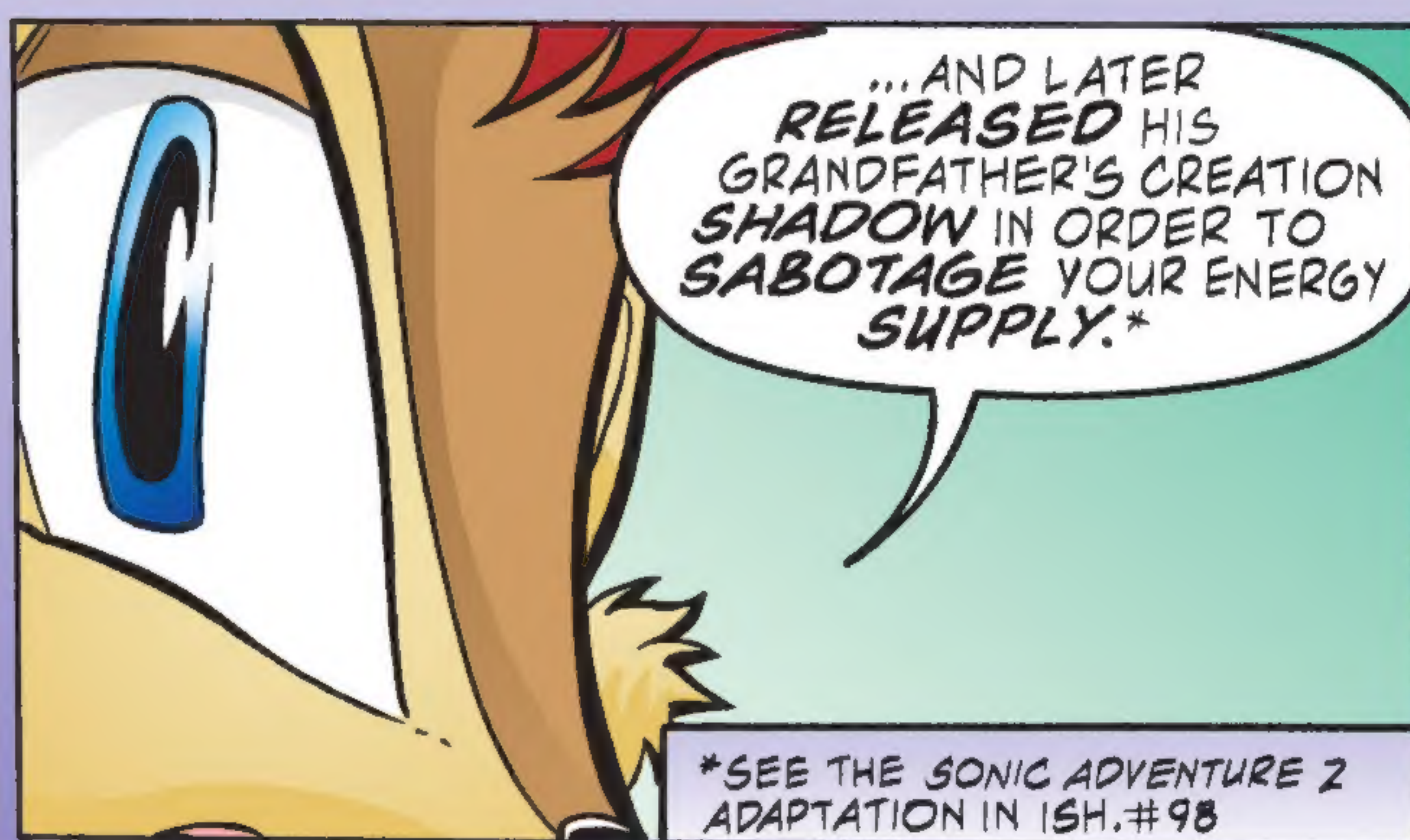


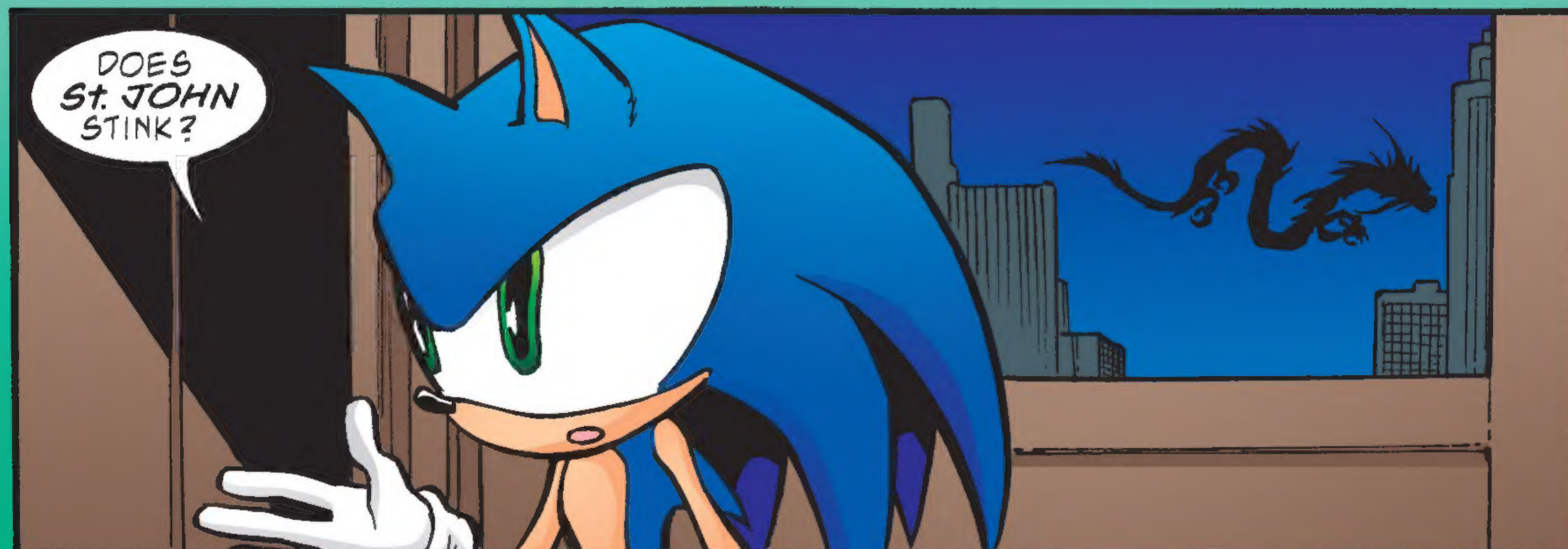
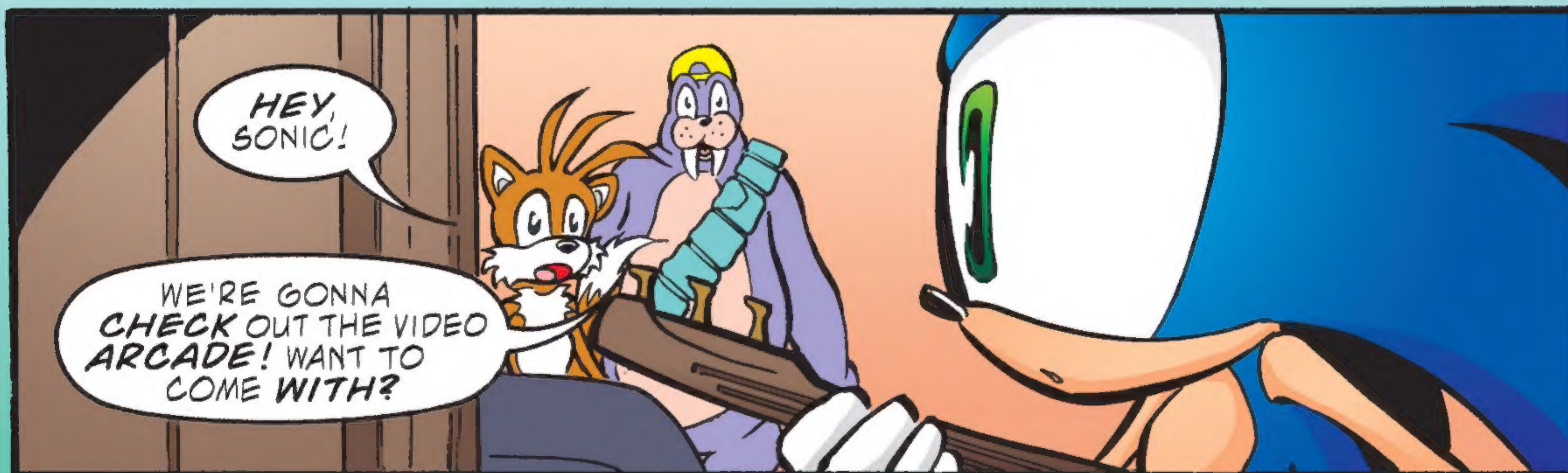
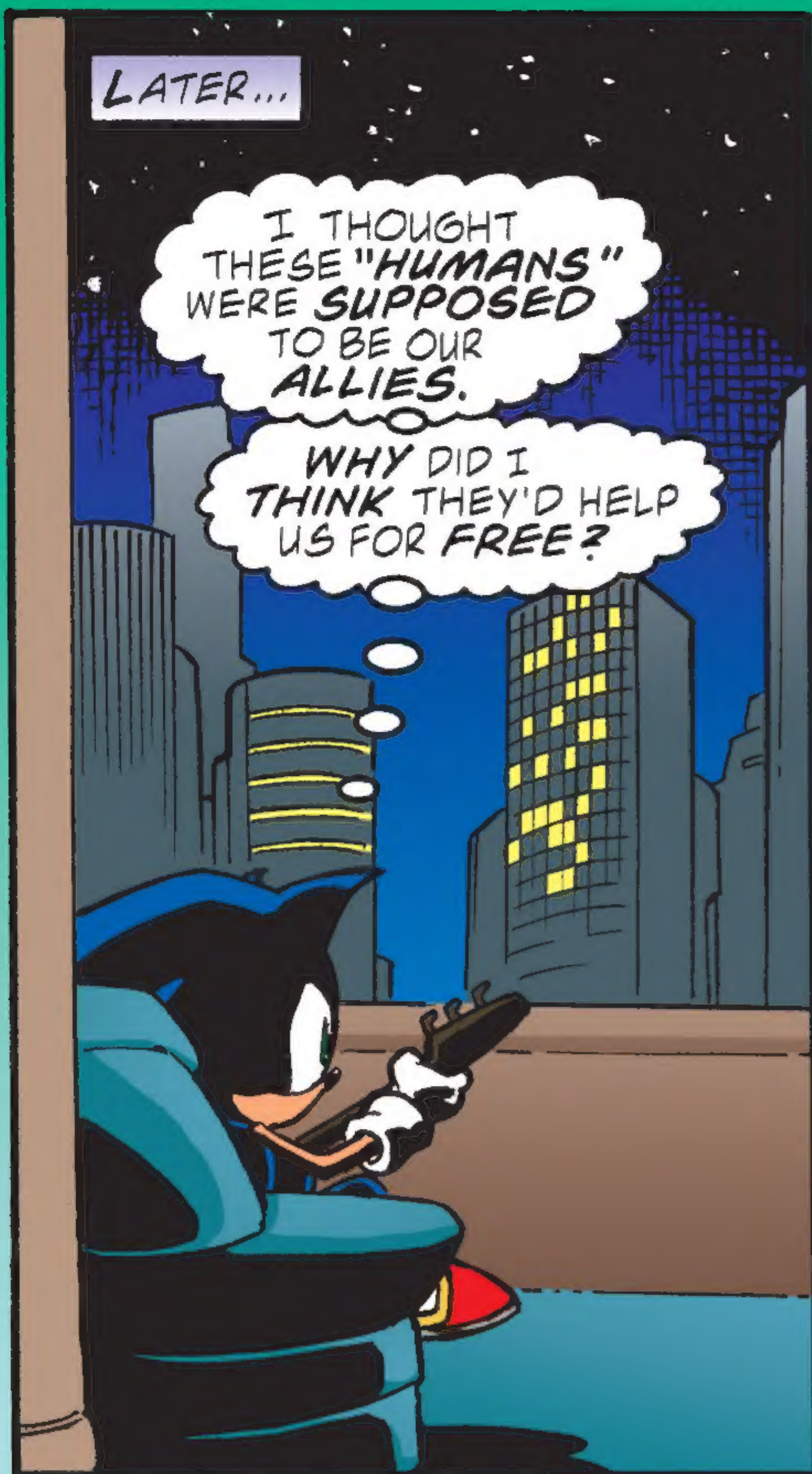




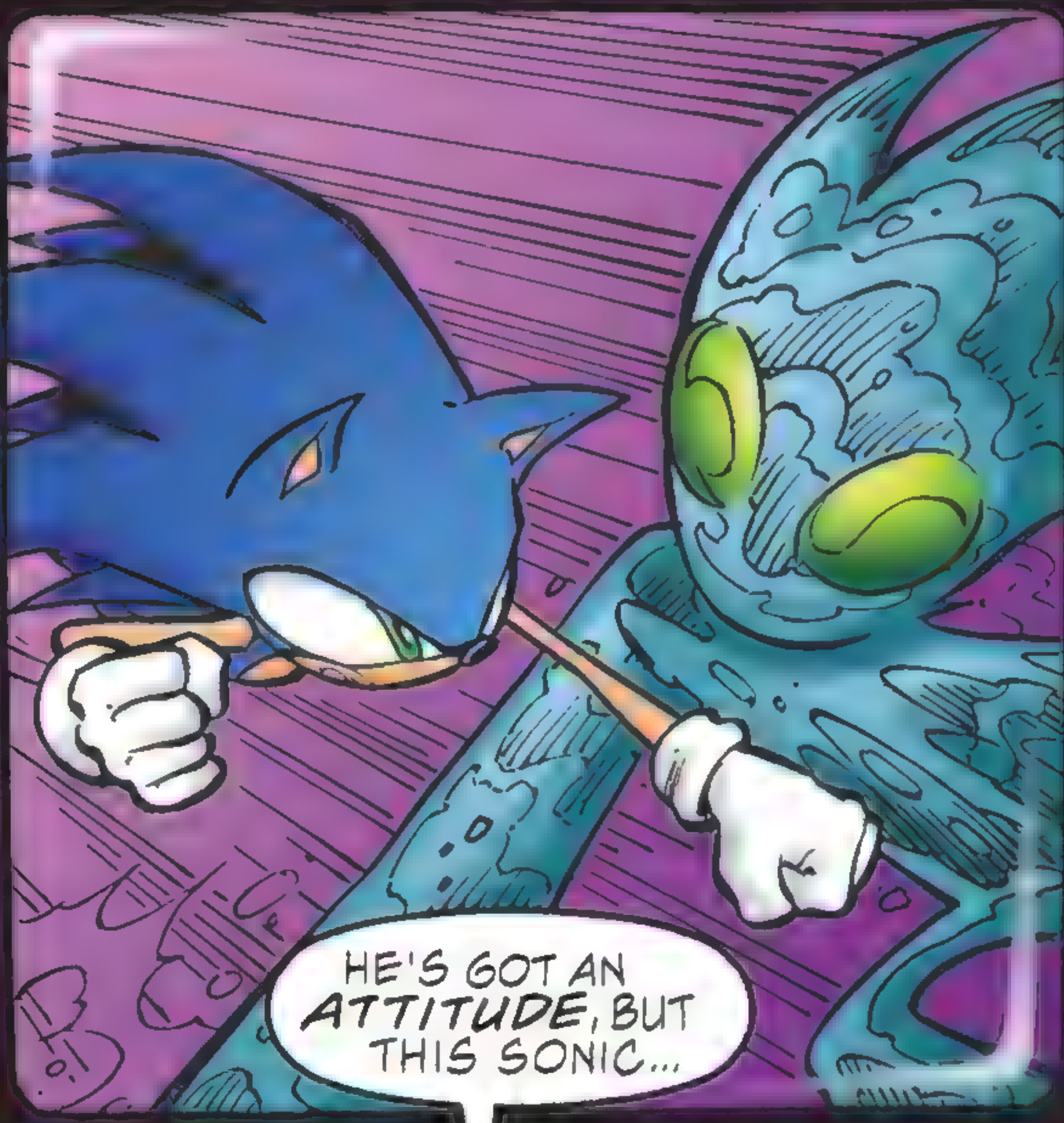
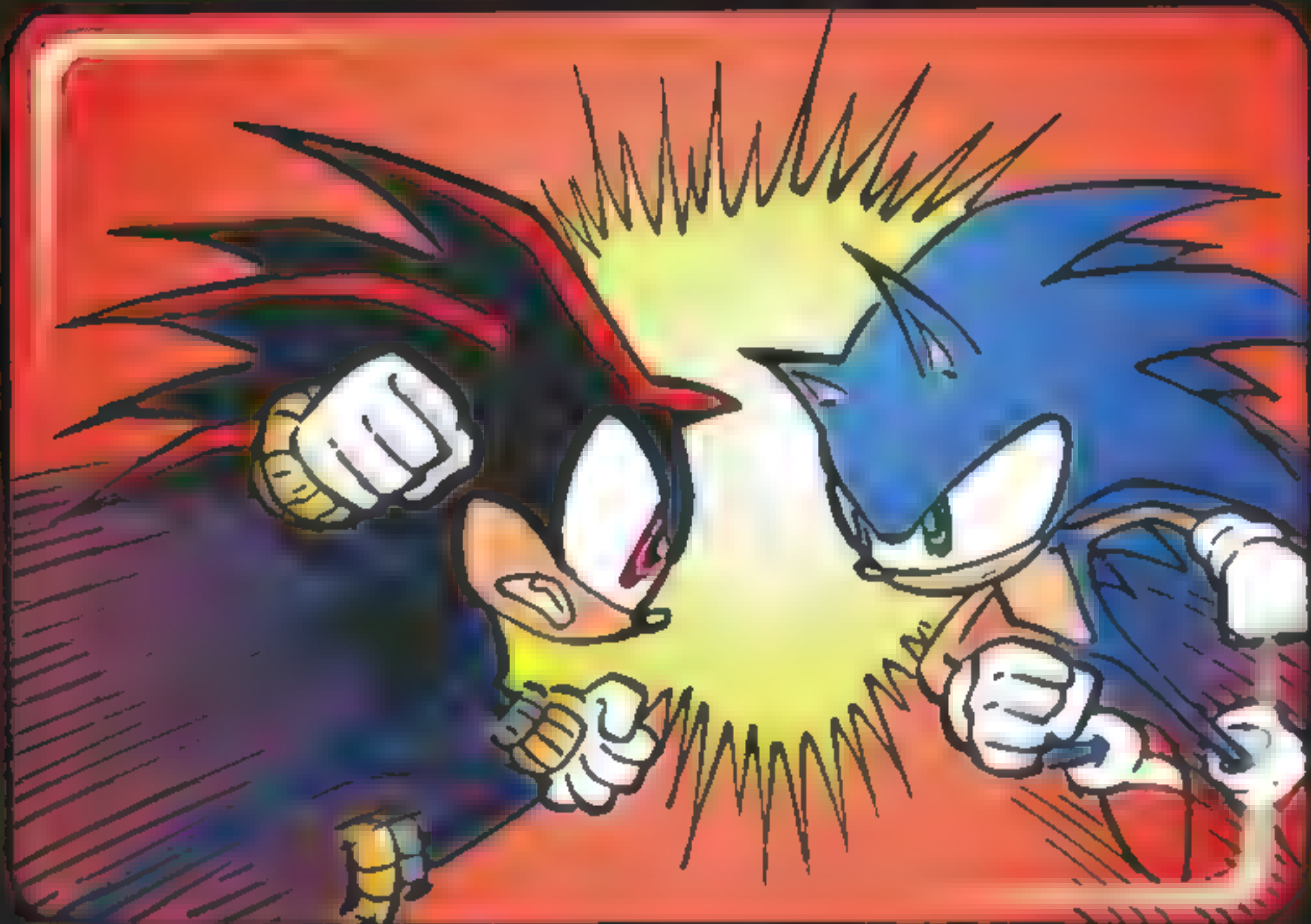








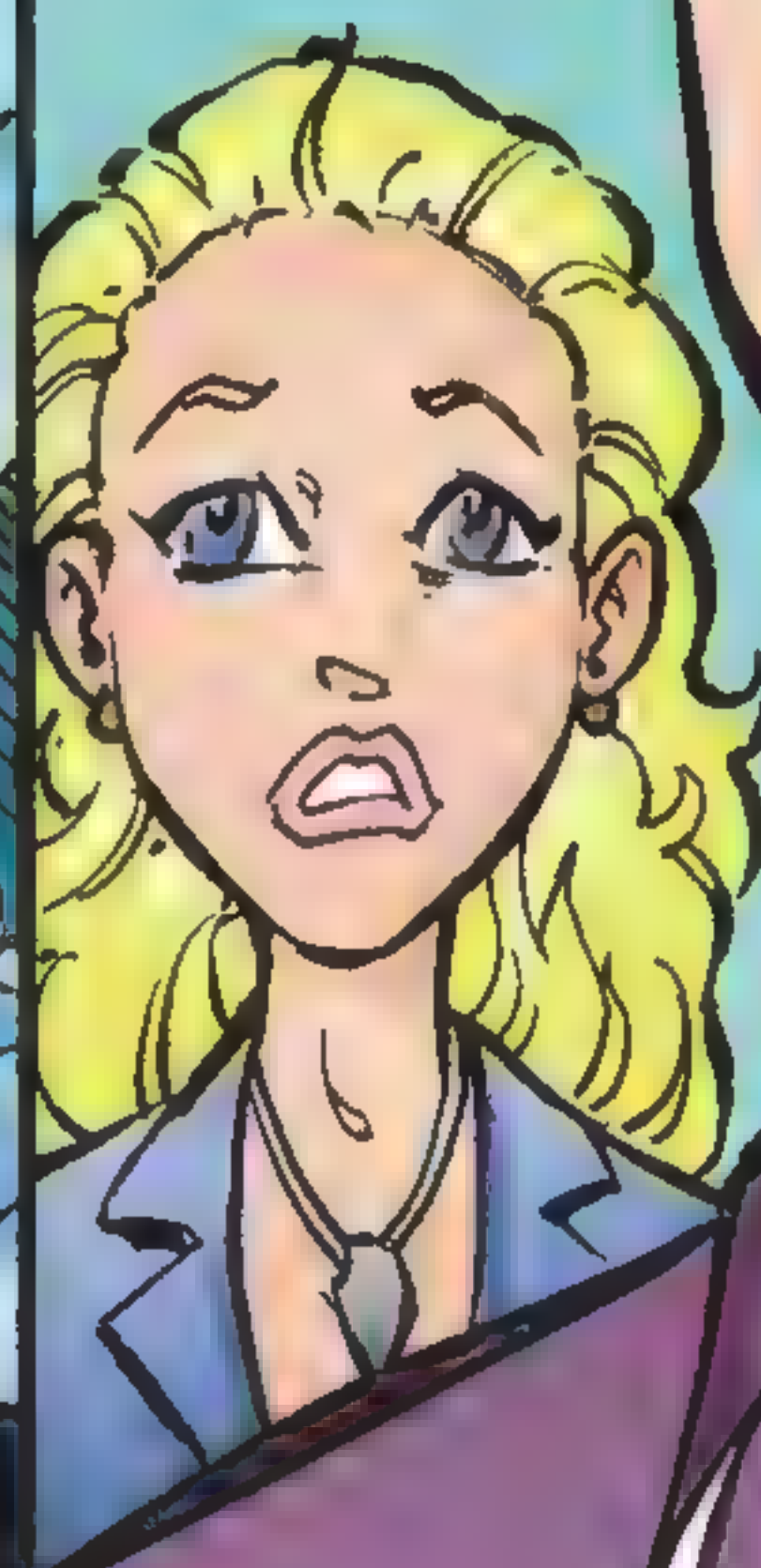
ELSEWHERE...



HE'S GOT AN
ATTITUDE, BUT
THIS SONIC...

...**COULD**
BE A VALUABLE
AGENT. HE'S
CERTAINLY **GOT**
ALL THE RIGHT
MOVES.

THAT HE
DOES, SIR...
THAT HE
DOES.



REWIND
AND HIT
"PLAY."



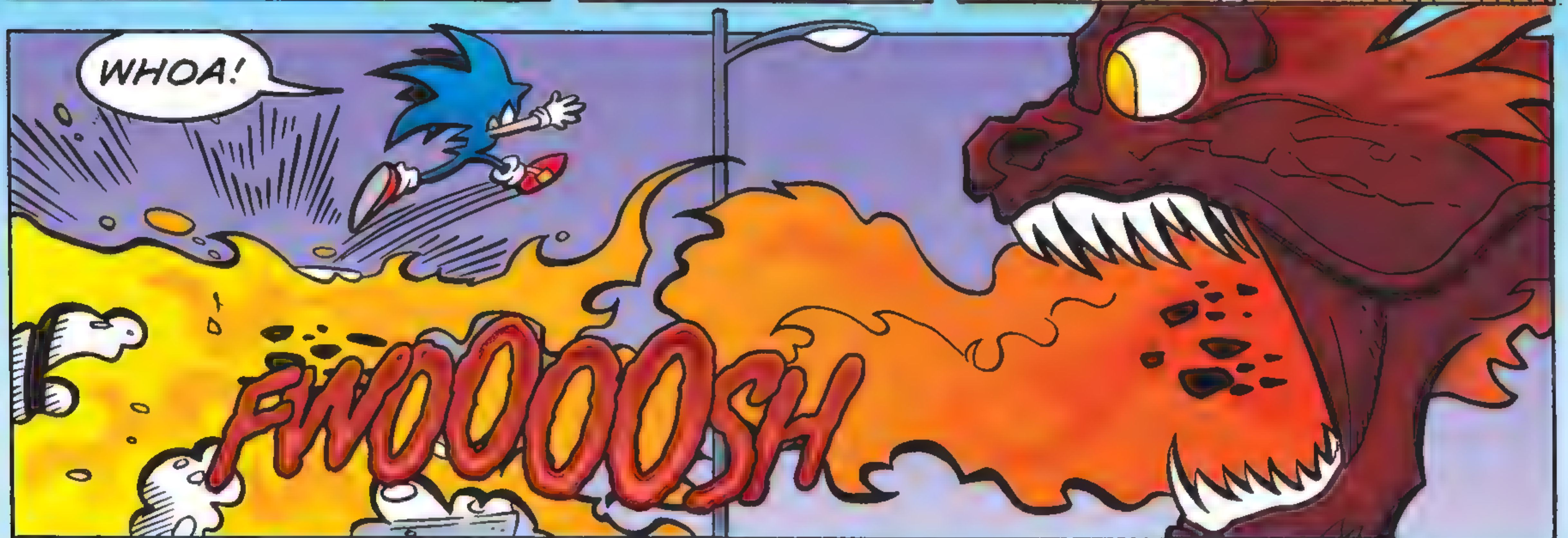
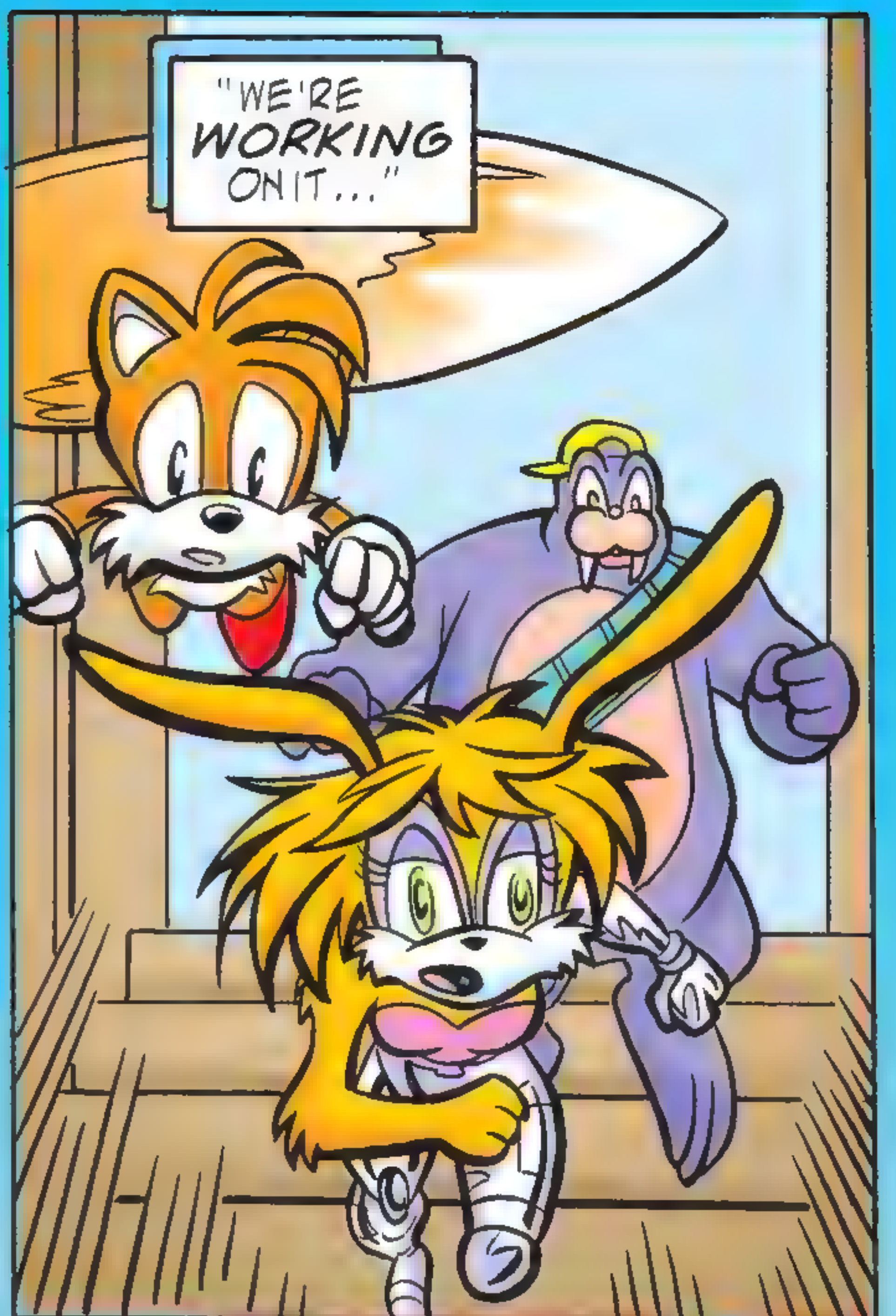


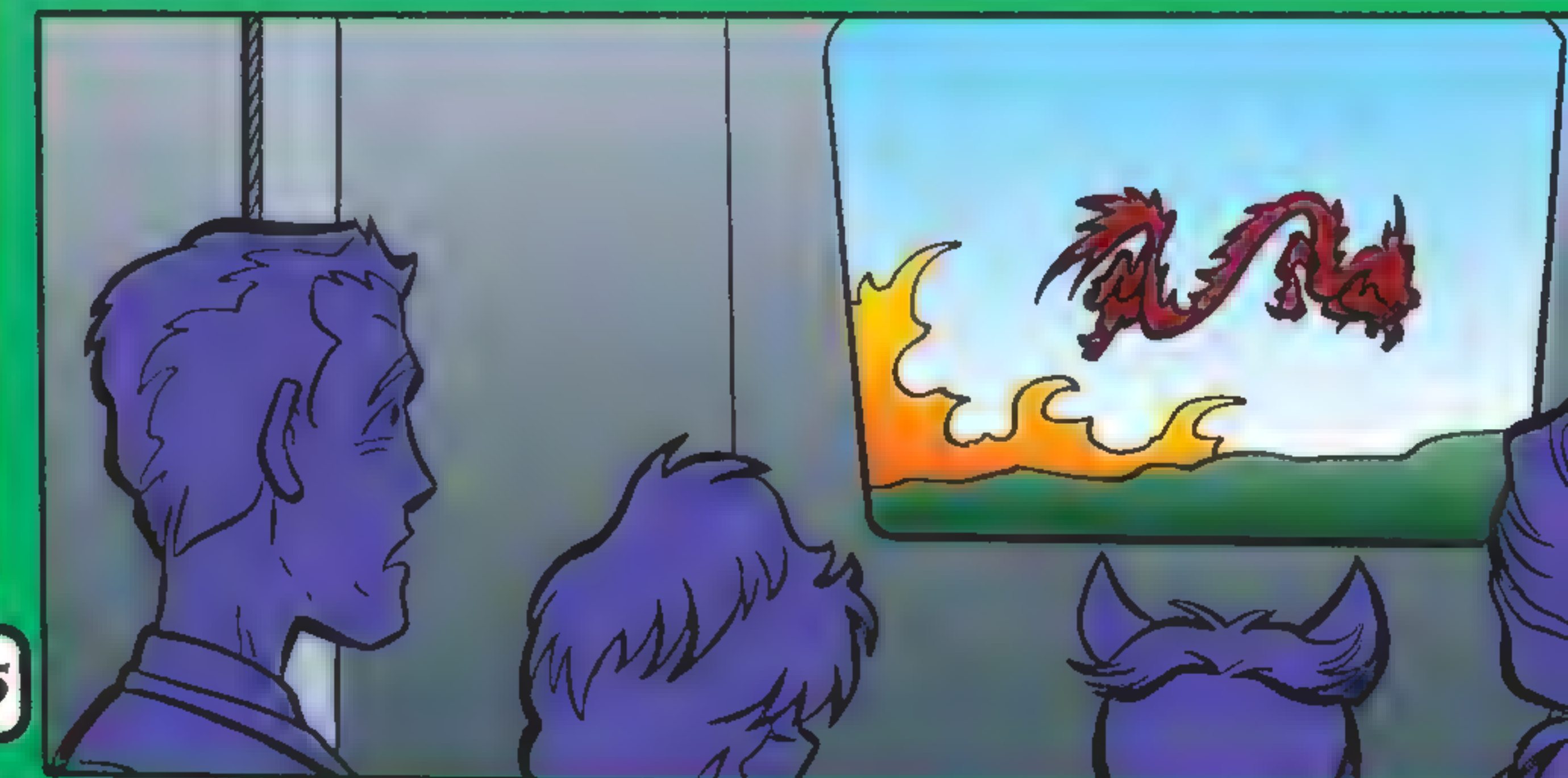
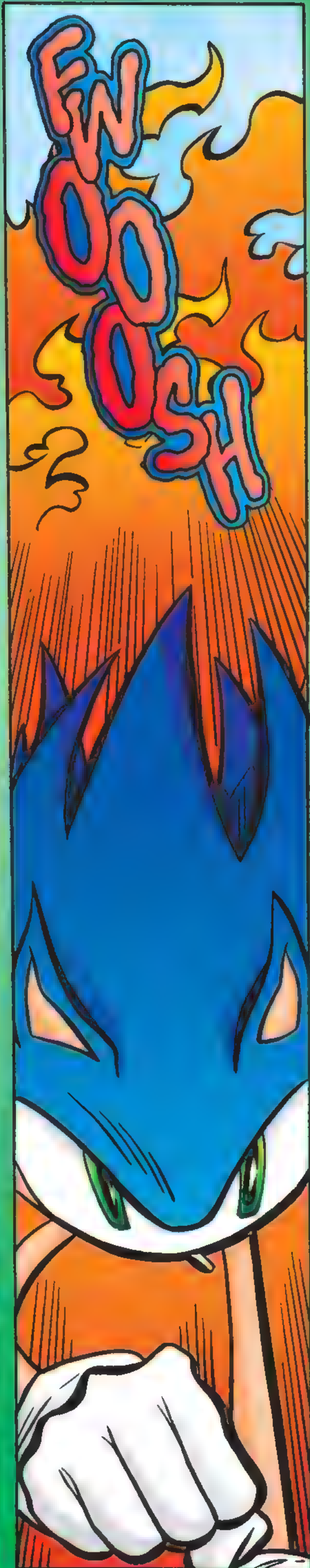
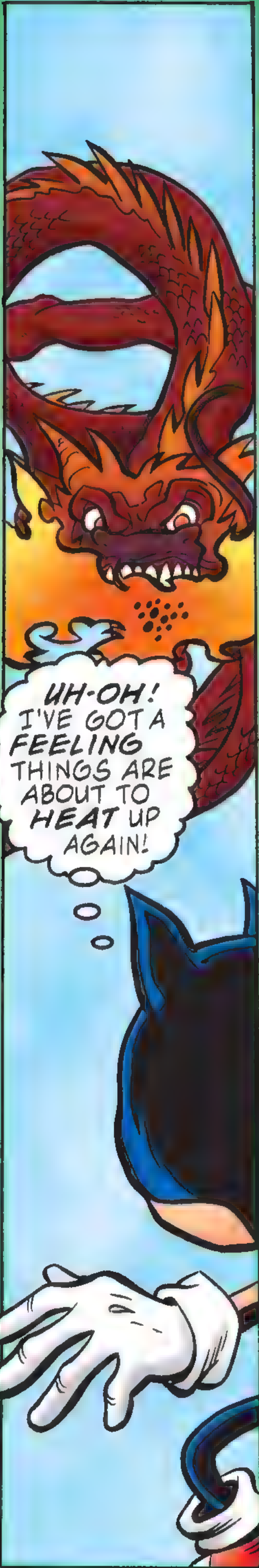


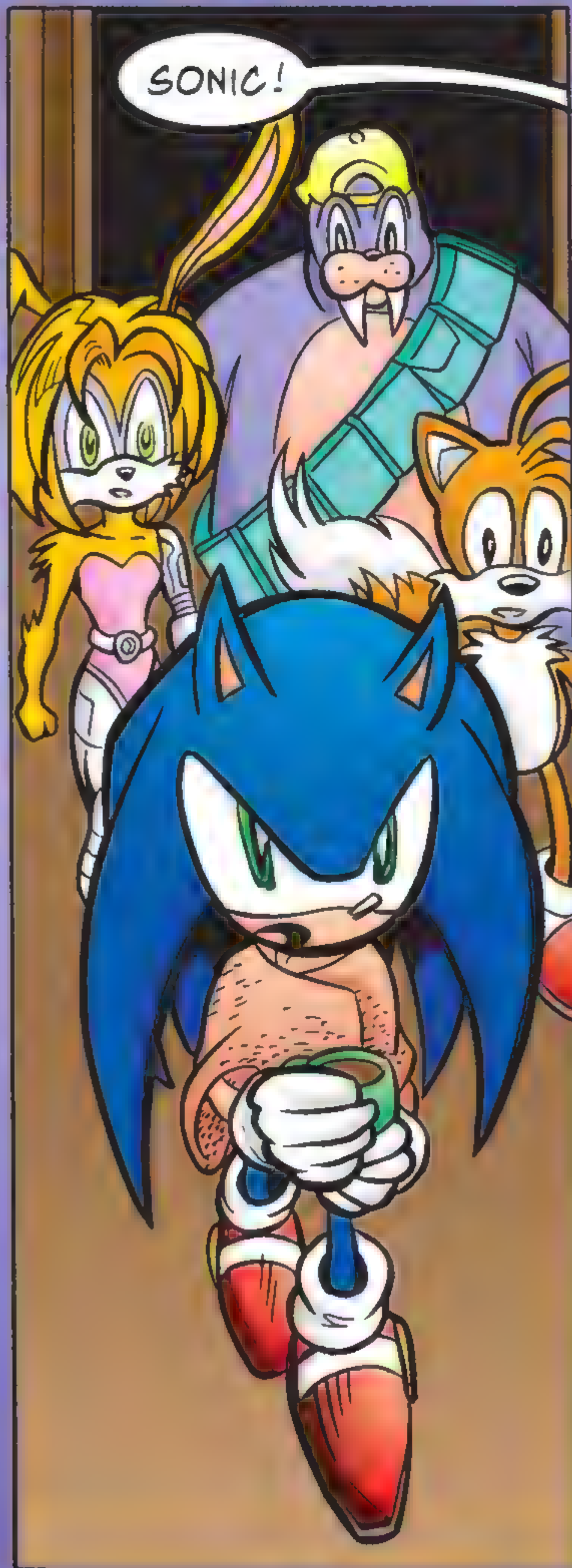
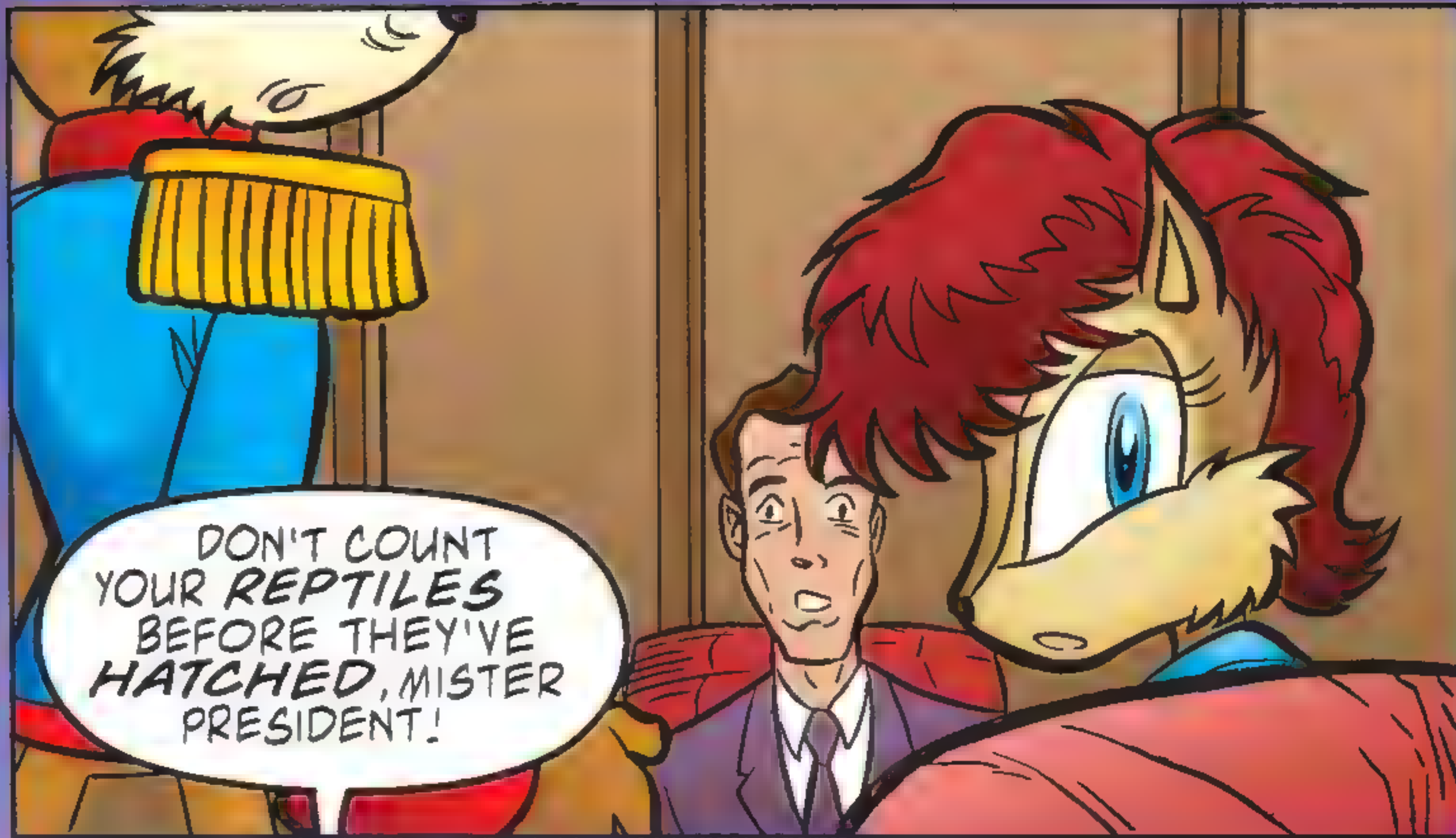


"HE'S ALREADY THERE!"

CHILL OUT,
"SCALE-FACE!"

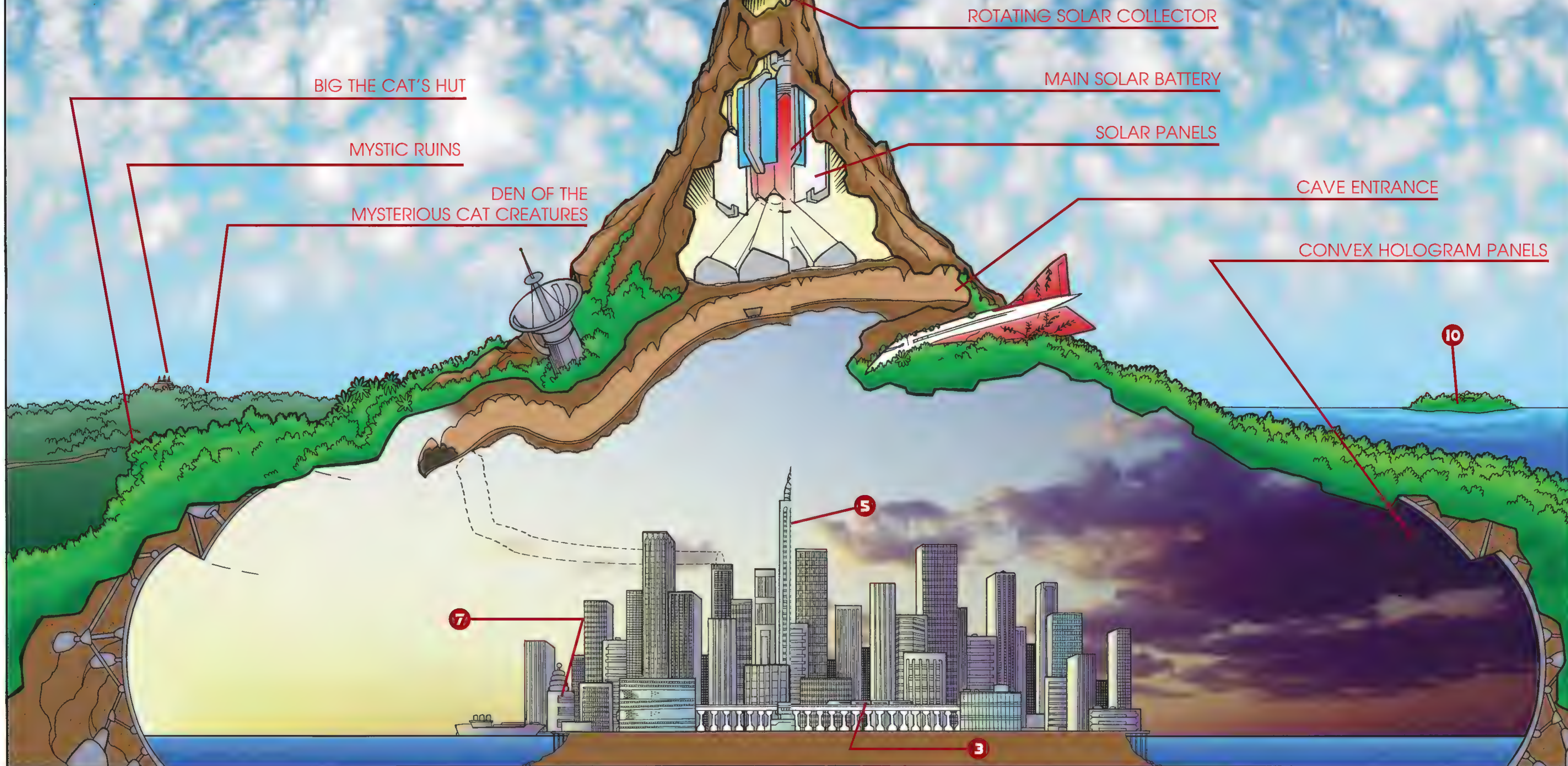






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STATION SQUARE



FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #80, March 2000

ESTABLISHED: Unknown, though some evidence has surfaced indicating it dates back at least 500 years, if not more

LOCATION: Deep beneath a continent located within the southern hemisphere of Mobius

SURFACE SIZE: 139.92 sq. metrons

HIGHEST POINT: 1.35 metrons from street surface to cavern ceiling

CLIMATE: The temperature is a constant 70 degrees, as the environment is artificially controlled utilizing the heat from magma deep beneath the planet's crust

POPULATION: Over 23,856,427 humanoids and an assortment of domesticated pets of various species

TALLEST BUILDING: Savage Skyscraper - 86 stories plus a mooring mast

POINTS OF INTEREST: (1) Station Square Hotel, (2) Shopping Mall, (3) Elerail System, (4) Mayor's Office,

(5) Savage Skyscraper, (6) Police Station, (7) Power Plant, (8) President's Residence, (9) Bank of Station Square, (10) Gun Headquarters (on Prison Island)

HISTORY: Some time in pre-recorded history, there was a great catastrophe that engulfed the entire pre-Mobian world. Whether it was man-made or a natural occurrence is still unknown. Legend went on to record that the passengers of a large craft that soared through the skies crash-landed near a mountain located on one of the continents in the southern hemisphere.

Separated from everyone and everything they once knew, the passengers traveled through an immense cavern that led deep beneath the mountains, finally descending into a hidden land located under the continent. It's widely believed that the caverns shielded the survivors from the worst of the catastrophe. In this

new sanctuary, they began rebuilding their society piece by piece, starting with the basics such as planting farms and building shelters. Because of their advanced knowledge, they were able to create heavy machines in order to build tools, vehicles and bigger buildings to house their growing population.

Within the span of a few generations, what had once been a hamlet of farms was now an immense metropolis, teeming with life under an artificially-created environment. This environment included the illusion of a sky, time of day, weather conditions and a world beyond, a world of which the inhabitants of this city wanted no part of.

With the completion of their largest building, the Savage Skyscraper, the city was rechristened Station Square, in part due to its elerail transit system that weaves its way through the city like a spider-

web, providing transportation for the citizens from any point throughout to another.

Among the many other features of this world, are the beaches and harbors that are surrounded by a body of water that encircles the entire city with water passages to the oceans above. Beyond the bridges that take one to the other side of the water are Dragon Island, Prison Island, the Emerald Coast, and the Mystic Ruins, a site the original settlers discovered while exploring. It was there that they found the six Chaos Emeralds used to provide power for the city's needs.

Since the unexpected discovery of their city by outsiders, the citizens of Station Square have debated whether or not to have any further dealings with the outside world. Only time will tell.

WELCOME TO
ECHIDNAOPOLIS.

IT'S BEEN AWHILE
SINCE ANYONE
HAS WALKED THESE
STREETS,

SINCE THE DARK
LEGION UNLEASHED
THE QUANTUM
BEAM UPON AN
UNSUSPECTING
POPULATION, ALL
HAS BEEN QUIET--

--UNTIL
NOW!

HE WAS BORN TO BE
NONE OTHER THAN THE
GUARDIAN OF THE
FLOATING ISLAND,
AND NOW

KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA

MUST CONFRONT THE
ONE BEING HE NEVER
IMAGINED!

THIS--
THIS *MUST* BE
THE PLACE!

THAT MEANS--
I MADE IT!!

THE *BIG*
QUESTION
NOW IS--

--HAVE I
ARRIVED IN
TIME?

REUNIFICATION

PART 1

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE ONGOING SAGA OF SEGA'S EVER-POPULAR ECHIDNA, BROUGHT TO YOU BY...
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UNTIL I FIND OUT *WHEN*
I'VE ARRIVED, I CAN ONLY
GUESS WHERE *THEY*
WILL BE!

WHILE
I CAN
HOPE FOR
THE
BEST...

--I MUST
ASSUME THE
WORST!

NO SIGN OF LIFE
ANYWHERE!

WHO'D
WE TICK
OFF TO
GET *THIS*
DETAIL?!

NOBODY
YOU'D WANT TO
CONFRONT OVER
THIS, RADAR!

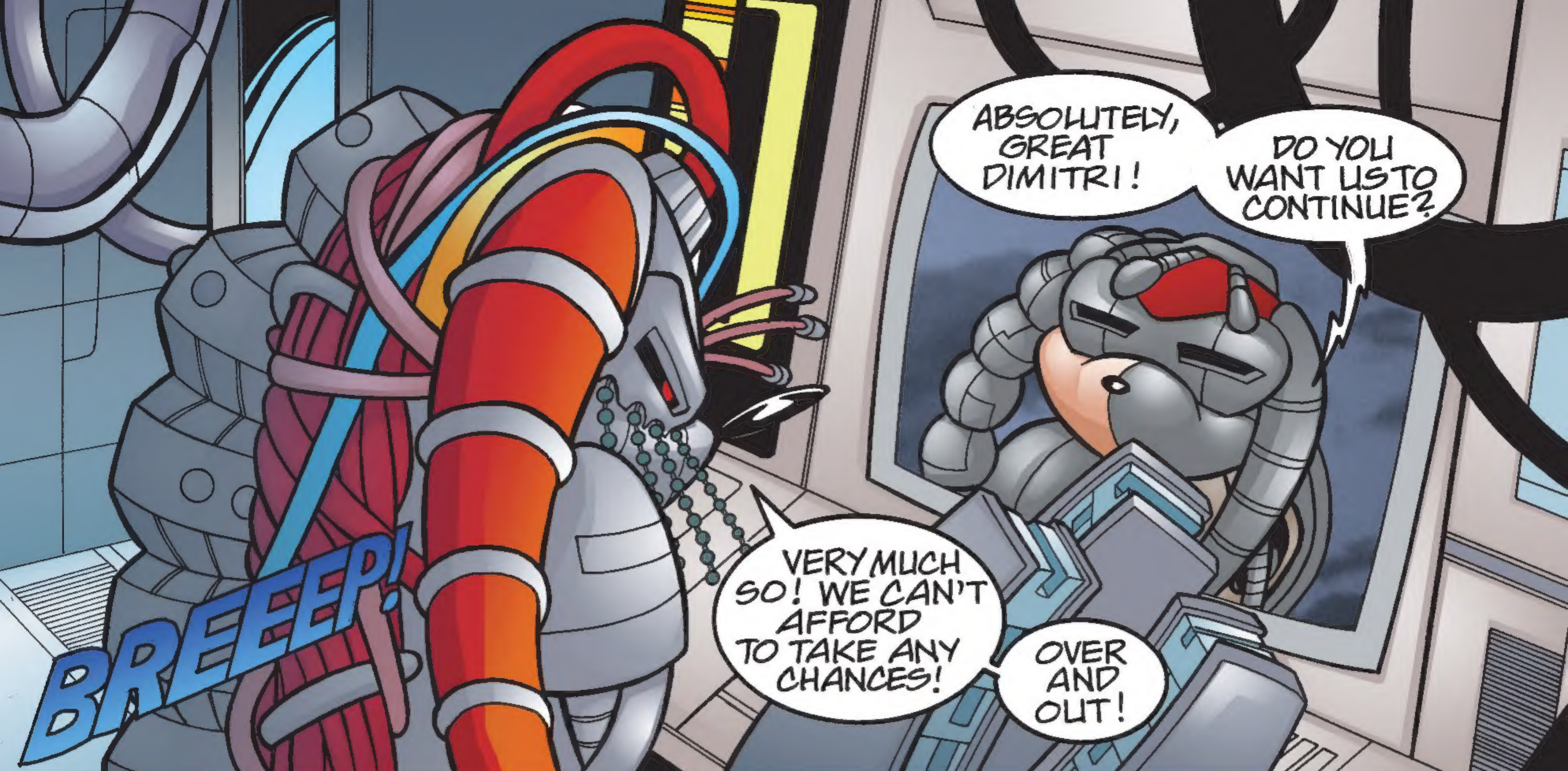
NOW
THROTTLE
DOWN WHILE I
CONTACT *HOME*
BASE!

SCOUT
TEAM TWO
CALLING
COMMAND!
COME IN!
OVER!

THIS IS
COMMAND.
REPORT!

WE'VE COMPLETED
A SEARCH OF *SECTOR 31*
AND NO SIGN OF ANYTHING
OUT OF THE ORDINARY!

ARE YOU
CERTAIN?!



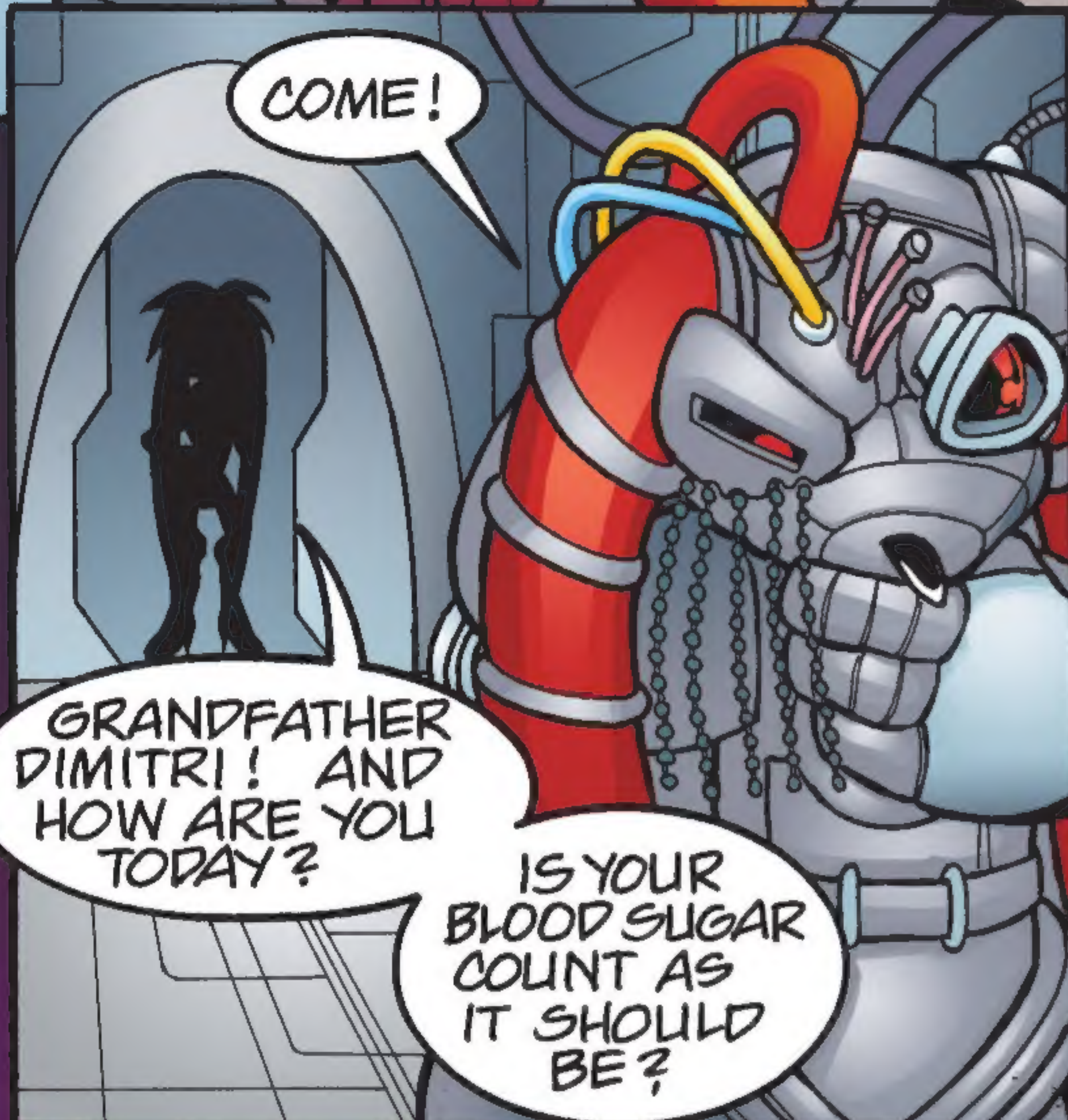
ABSOLUTELY,
GREAT
DIMITRI!

DO YOU
WANT US TO
CONTINUE?

BREEEP!

VERY MUCH
SO! WE CAN'T
AFFORD
TO TAKE ANY
CHANCES!

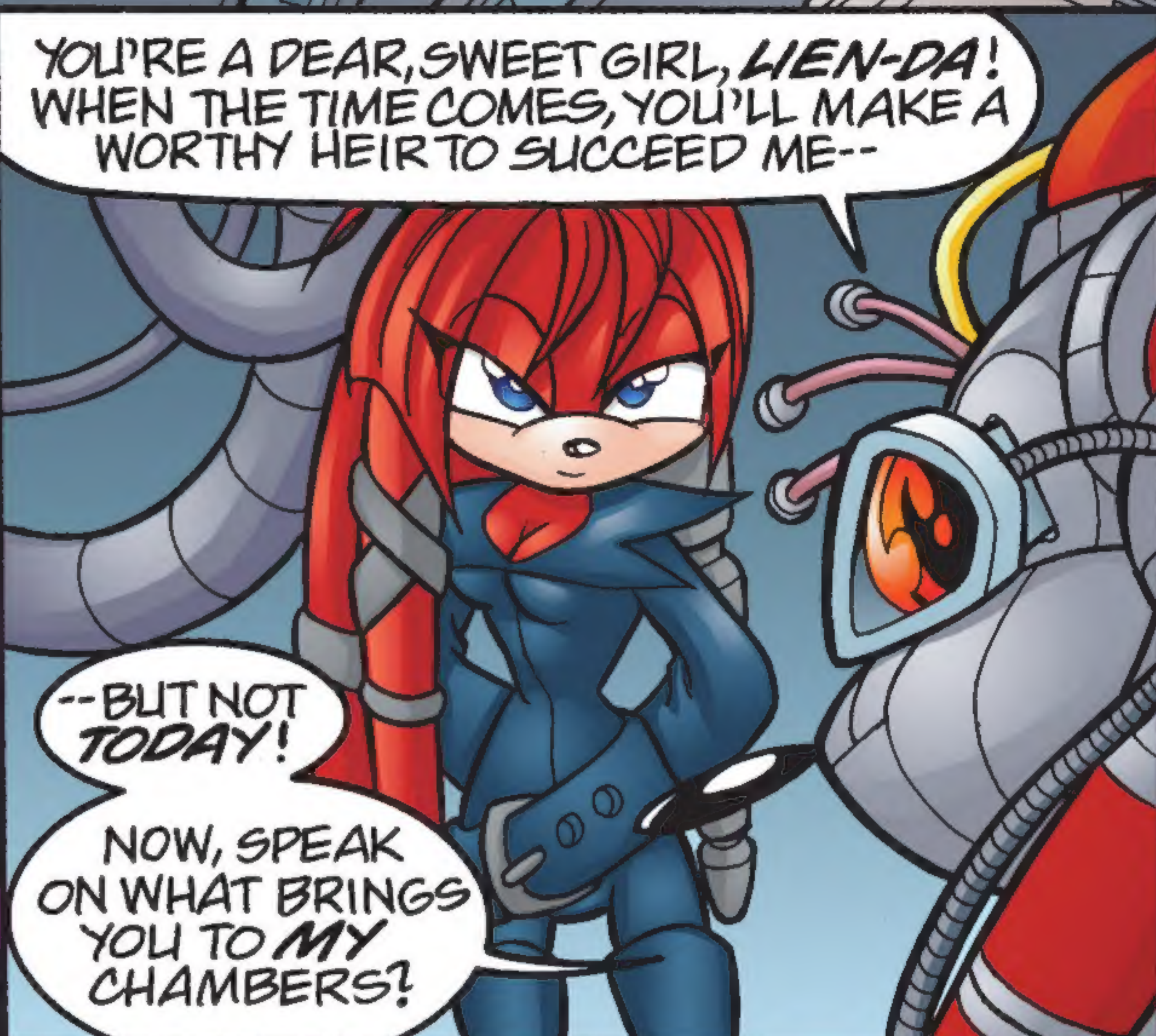
OVER
AND
OUT!



COME!

GRANDFATHER
DIMITRI! AND
HOW ARE YOU
TODAY?

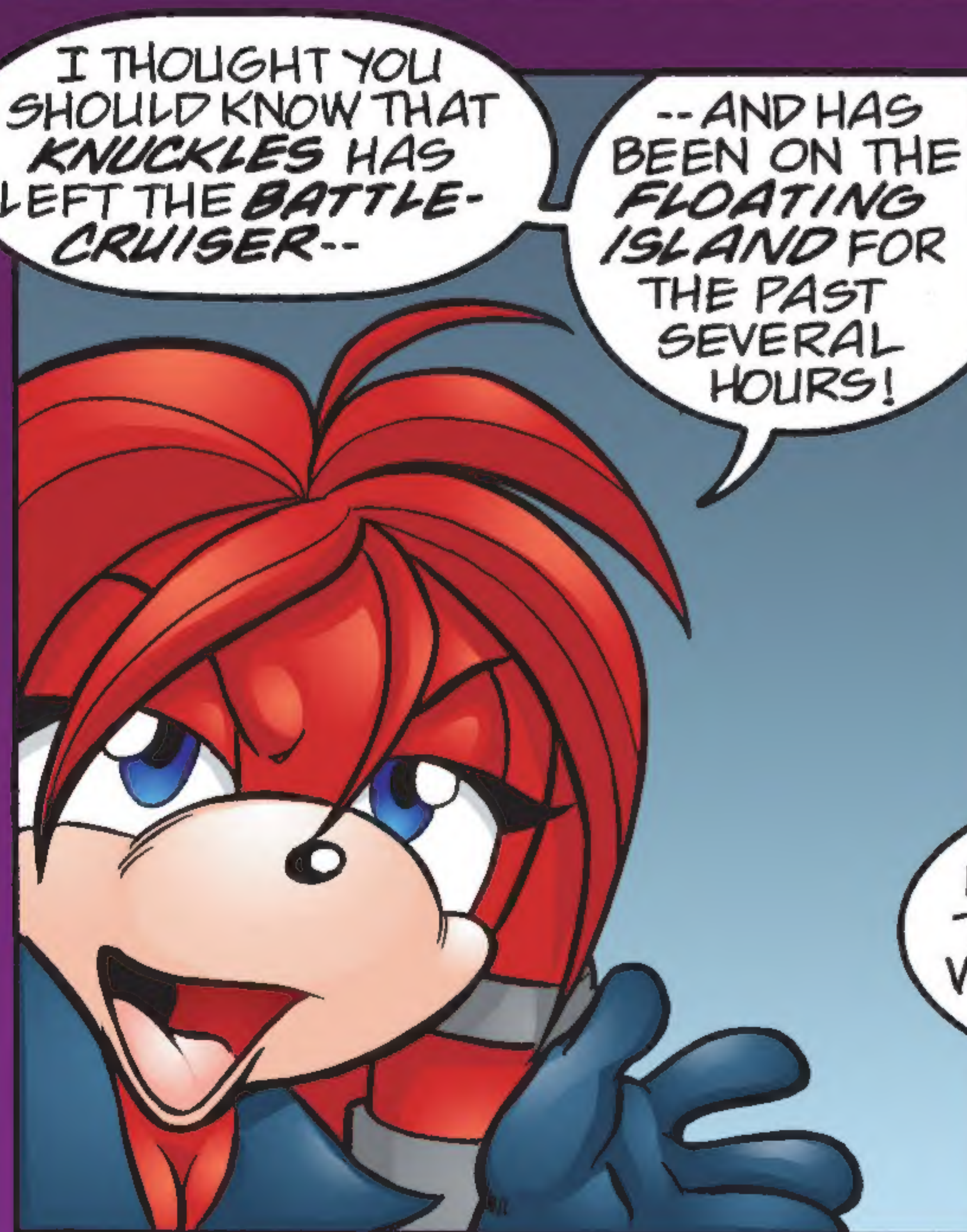
IS YOUR
BLOOD SUGAR
COUNT AS
IT SHOULD
BE?



YOU'RE A DEAR, SWEET GIRL, *LIEN-DA*!
WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU'LL MAKE A
WORTHY HEIR TO SUCCEED ME--

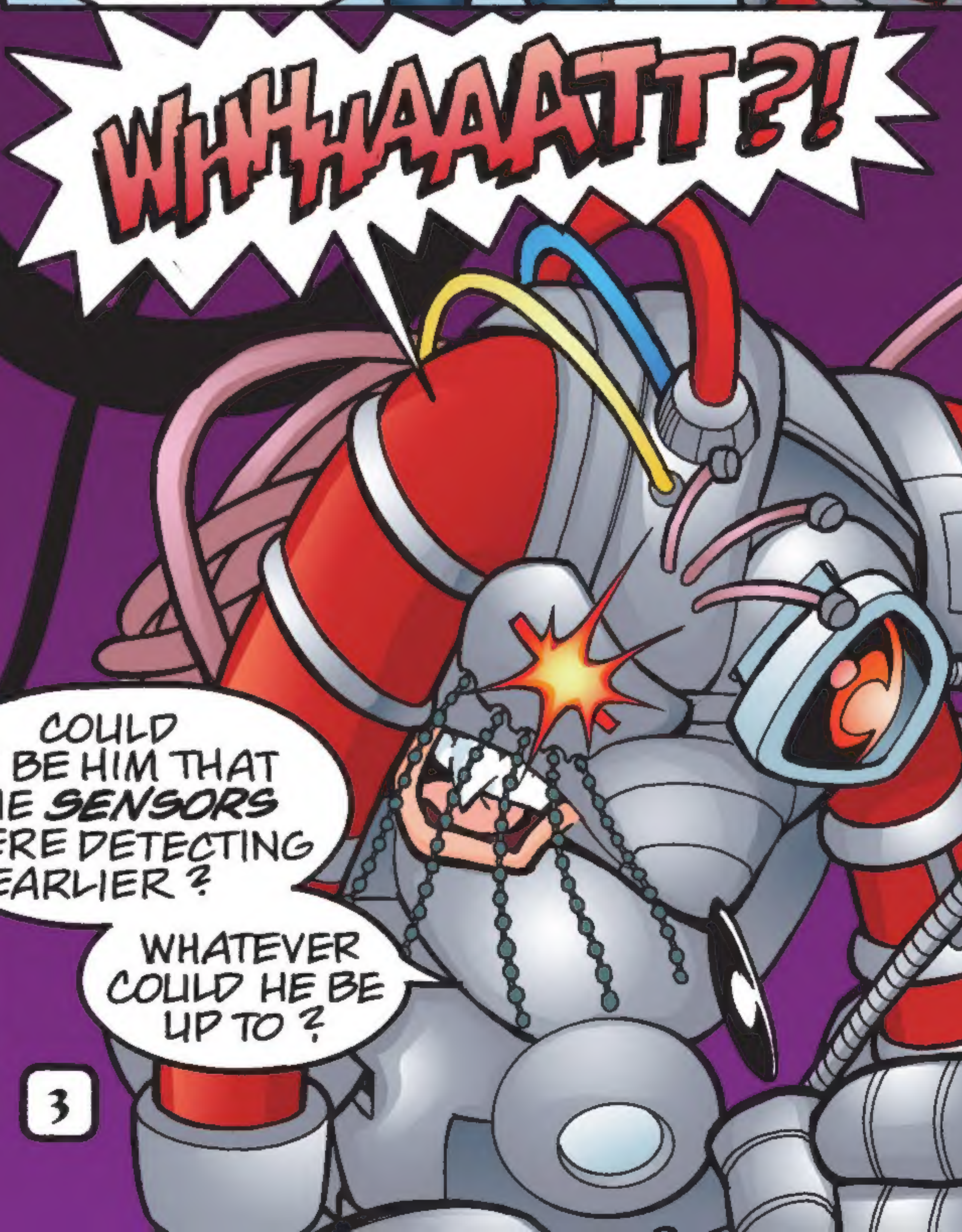
--BUT NOT
TODAY!

NOW, SPEAK
ON WHAT BRINGS
YOU TO *MY*
CHAMBERS?



I THOUGHT YOU
SHOULD KNOW THAT
KNUCKLES HAS
LEFT THE *BATTLE-
CRUISER*--

--AND HAS
BEEN ON THE
*FLOATING
ISLAND* FOR
THE PAST
SEVERAL
HOURS!



WHHHHAAAATT?!

COULD
IT BE HIM THAT
THE *SENSORS*
WERE DETECTING
EARLIER?

WHATEVER
COULD HE BE
UP TO?

"--UNLESS--"

"--HE'S ATTEMPTING THE ONE THING THAT COULD CHANGE THE EQUATION *DRAMATICALLY*--"

"--BY ATTEMPTING
TO *REVERSE* THE
EFFECTS OF THE
QUANTUM BEAM
HIMSELF!"

NOT EVEN
A **MOUSE**
CAN BE SEEN
SCAMPERING
ABOUT!

I MUST HAVE
ARRIVED WHEN **EVERY-
ONE** FROM THE ISLAND
WAS IN **ANOTHER
ZONE!**

STRANGE!
ALL OF A
SUDDEN, THE
WINDS ARE
BEGINNING TO
PICK UP!

BUT
THERE'S
NOT A
CLOUD
IN THE
SKY!

SINCE WHEN WAS THERE **EVER** A
HURRICANE ON THE ISLAND?!!

TAKING ALL
MY STRENGTH--
AND **MORE**--TO
KEEP FROM--

WOOF!

WHAAT?